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then & now

Industrial arts and the related technology have gone from "hands on" steel to a digital neverland. A two thousand pound metal working machine and the steel parts it produced 50 years ago had a practical value to the industrial era, just as the art and printed materials produced on ten pound computers do now in the age of information.

The intensity and concentration is apparent on the faces of each of these GDA students, then and now.

Blake Ireland '47 and Duncan McCallum '48 carefully adjust the mechanical feed while watching metal shavings peel off the lathe. The chalk board in the background shows the math illustration necessary to produce the worm gear that they are machining. The lathe they are using still resides in La Factorie, collecting dust in the corner. With a lot of knowledge, oil, and TLC, it could become productive again. Where it stood in 1946, is now the office of the Academy's superintendent of building and grounds, Jason Lacroix.



The old "stone garage" which housed snow plows, boogie bands, and vans is now the Kaiser Visual Art Center, brimming with ceramics, photography, painting and computer art studios.

The Industrial Arts of today are about information - its production, presentation, publication and distribution. Here, Gabriel Wayne '98, Alexandra McHale '98 and Adele Lily '98 take note as Computer Art Teacher Leo Hart demonstrates the features of Adobe Photoshop, a powerful software application that allows the user to manipulate text and images with a precision and efficiency unthinkable as recently as two years ago. The "machinery" now available to current students provides the leading edge in desktop computing graphic arts, multi-media and animation.



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LETTERS

Forming a Network

Dear Editor,

Where have all the "lesbigay" alumni gone?

There was the one article featuring Abner Mason of the Log Cabin Republican group, but there certainly must be others in the lesbian, gay, bisexual community who share the common trait of having once been students at Governor Dummer Academy?

There has been much discussion in recent years about the problems with teenagers; increased drug usage and suicide to name a few. What has become increasingly apparent is that many of the kids who try to self-destruct are doing so because they are gay. GDA no doubt has students in that predicament right now. It would be great to let them know that some of us have been there, but we have survived adolescence and are doing OK.

If you are an alum who is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, please contact me so we can began forming a network to help the school with these and other issues of importance to our community.

Sincerely,
Susan Gage'86
sgage@mailer. fsu. edu

Closing the Circle

Dear Peter and Dorothy:

I am hoping it is appropriate to write you a personal letter even prior to your knowing our son or us. We met you ever so briefly on the day of our interview with Peter Bidstrup last February (the day it was 72 degrees and gorgeous). We had only three days to look at four excellent schools and then hoped Ian would be guided by some inner sense of knowing where he "belonged." We got such a big kick out of getting the picture of Steve [GDA '63] as New England wrestling champ for 1963 and then had a fun and enlightening time talking to four students in the beautiful front foyer. The classrooms felt full of learning and openness - especially the oak tables surrounded by the captain's chairs - and Peter did a superb job of showing us all the nooks and crannies of the campus. We know we were lucky to have had such a complete tour.

But the most comforting part for Steve and me was to meet you and sense your kindness and love for the kids. It is going to be so hard for us, as it is for other parents as well, to leave Ian but knowing that he is at a wonderful school, with fine and competent adult mentors and a place to go for ice cream on Saturday nights - and a mother figure like you, Dorothy, in the wings - we are truly delighted at the possibilities ahead.

We are expecting that at some time we will be able to host you in Santa Fe; touring the Pueblos, talking to the potters, going to Feast days. We can even exchange homes and I'll have the ice cream party in your absence! There are many possibilities.

So thank you again for your part in the adventure Ian is soon to embark upon. It will be such fun to get to know you better.

Sincerely,
Margie Hughes

No Regrets

Dear Peter & Dottie:

I will not make the reunion as I have to be elsewhere. But I know it will be both mature and simultaneously a lot of fun to have reunions, particularly for the Headmaster. I suspect that you probably enjoy it as much as anyone, Peter.

In any event, good luck and God speed.

What is this, the 3000th year of Governor Dummer Academy's function? It certainly seems like it. I can still remember the day when I went out there to become one of the students. I still feel that I got a remarkably good education there, all these many thousands of years ago.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
Philip N. Sawyer '43, M.D.,F.A.C.S.

From the Internet

Hello Mr. Bragdon!

How are you doing? I'm glad to see you are enjoying the wonderful world of computer technology! Bravo on the GDA website! Well, I've just completed my junior year at St. Lawrence, and I can't believe how quickly the time is passing by. I must come to visit GDA and see how well the new building is coming along. I just thought I would drop you a note to let you know what my e-mail address is (well, for one more year!) I hope everyone in the GDA community is well, and I hope graduation is a success. Please give my best to Mrs. Bragdon, and tell her not to work too hard on the flowers behind the wall that will soon have 90 graduates careening over it.

Take care.

With regards,
Chris Rice '94
x8mx@music.stlawu.edu
PS: Visit my homepage!
http://it.stlawu.edu/~crice

In Memory

Dear Mr. Bragdon,

Perhaps I should send this notice of Henry Faurot III's death to someone who will easily remember him. Someone such as Sager, Navins or Murphy. But they have retired to the suburbs of Byfield and I don't have their addresses. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let them read the enclosed letter that I am sending to friends.

Henry was a very loyal graduate of Governor Dummer Academy. He always spoke of it with warm feelings. He enjoyed his days there and when he could help in a small financial way he was most willing. He was the first one to sing the school's praises even though Art Sager never accepted him in the Glee Club. Please excuse my attempt at humor.

I will miss having my old class

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE



As the marsh grass around our New England campus turns to russet, Governor Dummer Academy actually enters the springtime of the academic year. The peaceful campus of late August showed the first signs of this springtime as preparations for our 235th year became clear: the gleam of fresh varnish, cartons of newly-delivered books, field hockey goals on the quiet playing field surrounded by the Huggins track and goal posts erected in a still Sager Bowl.

Two magnificent new buildings - completed the day before the arrival of the students - are more than signs of a new year: they are products of a mastery curriculum now entering its fifth year, a curriculum which includes the student in the process of discovery and emphasizes research and experimentation. The Carl A. Pescosolido Library and the Center for the Study of Mathematics and Science reflect this mastery curriculum and also a confidence which penetrates this community, a confidence consistent with the motto of the Dummer family - originally a Norman family: *"au vrai courage rien impossible."* Translated from ancient French this means, "with true courage nothing is impossible." As Alec White pointed out in the last *Archon*, *"courage, courage,"* was also the rallying cry by which Pierre Baratelli urged on his students and colleagues.

Such confidence breeds a nuclear reaction of creativity and activity beyond any planning. Initiative appears in all areas of community life. This *Archon* celebrates examples such as the nomination of a teacher for a major award, a proposal from two teachers leading to a summer of study, a graduate's writing to us a statement of his belief about the role of education today. Yesterday students found confidence to speak and sing eloquently at a service above the Anderson Fields at sunset in memory of a cherished teacher, Taylor Liske, who died suddenly last July. The message from the students was not only one of intense grief but also a joyful affirmation of the pricelessness of each day which is given to us in our lives. Their poise and graciousness was surely an example of courage in any language.

At Morning Assembly today, a student announced the formation of a Young Conservative Club; a senior advised the ninth and tenth graders to abide by the published schedule for the use of Jacob Dining Hall; a senior announced plans for serving the greater community outside of the Governor Dummer campus; another explained the means by which a literary paper founded by him and a classmate could receive articles. These are the statements and actions of confident students who are proud of their school, who expect it to be fertile and productive. Before this meeting, the weekly contribution to locomotive songs played before every Monday morning assembly "Gospel Train," reminded all of that cardinal red locomotive coming down the track.

Those recently tranquil athletic fields are now active in the afternoon with aspiring athletes. The field hockey goals are still untouched after the varsity's first game, a stalwart 0-0 tie with Phillips Exeter. Between the goal posts of Sager Bowl, varsity football kicked-off its season with a 20-7 victory over Phillips Exeter. These scores reflect athletes in cardinal red taking the field with confidence and élan against truly worthy opponents.

While some targets may elude us despite the *courage* urged by the Dummer family and Pierre Baratelli, the message which resonates for us all - through the pages of this *Archon* and, more broadly, through the lessons learned in our community - is that joy, vitality and purpose are found in embracing all of life's opportunities and challenges to the fullest extent of our abilities. This is the stance taken by Governor Dummer Academy in the springtime of its 235th year.

Peter W. Bragdon

September 22, 1997

GDA COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW FACULTY BY H. LEE HARRELL

Henry Brooks Adams said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Governor Dummer Academy has long been blessed with stalwart faculty, and it would be impossible to trace the proliferation of the ideals they have passed on in their classrooms. The Academy is also fortunate this year to be infused with new talent to complement the well established standards of the faculty.

The Academy is especially excited to welcome back two former students. **Jon M. Morisseau '88** distinguished himself at GDA both as a wrestler and as a scholar. He earned the distinction of being the MVP of his team as well as ISL League Champion. His served as a dormitory proctor and took the Moody Kent Prize in French. His distinctions did not end in high school. He graduated in 1992 from Florida State University earning both *Phi Beta Kappa* membership and a Fulbright Scholarship. In 1993 Morisseau received an M.A. in French from Middlebury College after spending a year studying in France. His teaching experience includes duties at the Free University of Brussels during his Fulbright Scholarship. Prior to returning to GDA, he also taught at the Tikvah High School for Girls in New Haven, Connecticut and the Florida Air Academy in Melbourne, Florida. In addition to teaching French, Morisseau will coach wrestling and live in Eames Dormitory.

The other graduate returning to the fold is **Deirdre B. Heersink '92**. She temporarily replaces Kristin Vogel during her maternity leave for the fall semester. Heersink graduated from Hamilton College in 1996 with a major in history. Last year she taught history at neighboring Triton Regional High School. She brings an international perspective to her classroom having traveled extensively in Eastern Africa pursuing both humanitarian and personal interests. Heersink is teaching history and coaching women's varsity field hockey.

Gillian M. Lloyd is the new Director of Admission. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Middlebury College, and she also holds an Ed.M. from Harvard University. Her career in admission began at Lesley College and continued for eleven years at Pine Manor College where she served as the Director of Admission and the Director of Enrollment Services. Recently, she was a founding partner in the MM&L Consulting Group.

Also new to the Admission office is **Peter A. Kravchuk**. He has been appointed Assistant Director of Admission. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College where he received a B.A. in Government and Legal Studies in 1992. Most recently he worked at Holderness School as an associate director of Admission. Peter will also be serving the school as the new varsity men's hockey coach. He is eminently qualified having been a coach at Holderness and at other hockey organizations after spending several years as a professional hockey player in a national minor league and an international league. It should also be noted that he was recognized for an act of heroism. He is the only non-firefighter to hold the Danvers Firefighters Memorial Award which was awarded to him in 1991 after he rescued a 92 year old neighbor from a burning house.

The Academy welcomes not only the new Director of Development, **Patricia Tobin Peterman**, but her son Gus '01. She earned a B.S. from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and then embarked on a distinguished career in development, fund raising and public relations at several secondary schools. Most recently Pat served as the Director of Development at the Landmark Foundation and Schools. Under her leadership, the school realized a 227% increase in annual giving. Previously she was the Head of Physical Education at the Summit School in Dundee, Illinois. Pat also brings extensive experience in the creation and writing of professional

SPRING ALUMNI/AE GAMES RETURN TO BYFIELD

On Sunday, May 18, over 40 former GDA athletes gathered in Byfield to participate in the renewal of a proud GDA tradition – the Spring Alumni/ae Games.

GDA coaching legends Heb Evans, Bob Anderson and Buster Navins ran these games for many years, bringing their former players back to campus to test their mettle against the current crop. The games became an annual highlight for varsity lacrosse and baseball letter winners, as well as for their opponents and the spectators. However, scheduling difficulties in recent years interfered with finding a suitable date for the fun-filled competition between graduates and current varsity teams.

This year, Anderson came out of retirement to coach the alumni lacrosse team. Senior faculty member Dick Leavitt took the reins for the alumni



publications concerning development.

Integral to the success of the school year is the social life of the students. GDA has a commitment to providing both day and boarding students with opportunities to get to know one another and the faculty outside the classroom. Ensuring the success of that commitment this year is the new Assistant Director of Weekend Activities, **Samantha Boulais**. She graduated this year with a B.A. in English from Franklin and Marshall College. She gained work experience during her education serving as an intern in the office of Student Activities. Additionally, she worked as a counselor at the School for Crisis Intervention in Greenmail, MA. She is working as a French Building Associate and coaching women's soccer.

Lisa M. Keegan joins the Foreign Language Department as a part-time teacher. She holds a B.A. in Spanish as well as a B.S. in Communications from Simmons College. She also completed a Foreign Study Program in Madrid through Syracuse University. She lived in Spain for three years while working as a training and communications manager for the United Parcel Service. Her teaching experience includes instruction through the Newburyport Adult Education Program and at the Immaculate Conception School in Newburyport, MA.

Not only has the library itself expanded to the tremendous new facilities of the Carl A. Pescosolido Library, but the library staff has also been expanded. **Susan M. Chase** of Newburyport, MA will be working in the library full-time in the afternoons and evenings. She earned a B.S.S. from Cornell College before earning a M.Ed. in Library Media Studies from Salem State College. Her connection to GDA also includes two children, Stoddard '98 and Simon '00.

The English Department and the women's hockey program benefit from the arrival of **Lindsey Wetzel**. She is a graduate of Carlton College where she received a B.A. in English. As a student at the college, she initiated and developed the successful women's hockey program. She spent a semester in London studying British theater. She comes to GDA after teaching English and coaching at St. Johnsbury Academy. She is residing in Commons and working as a Dormitory Associate in Nannie B. Phillips Dormitory. She will be the head coach of women's varsity hockey this winter.

Lee Harrell was featured in a similar article one year ago. He is embarking on his second year at the Academy as science teacher, coach and dorm parent.

IN MEMORIUM: A. TAYLOR LISKE 8/6/68-7/3/97

The GDA community was stunned this summer by the death of A. Taylor Liske, 28. He passed away early in the morning of Thursday, July 3, after being stricken at his home in Commons. An autopsy revealed no known cause of death.

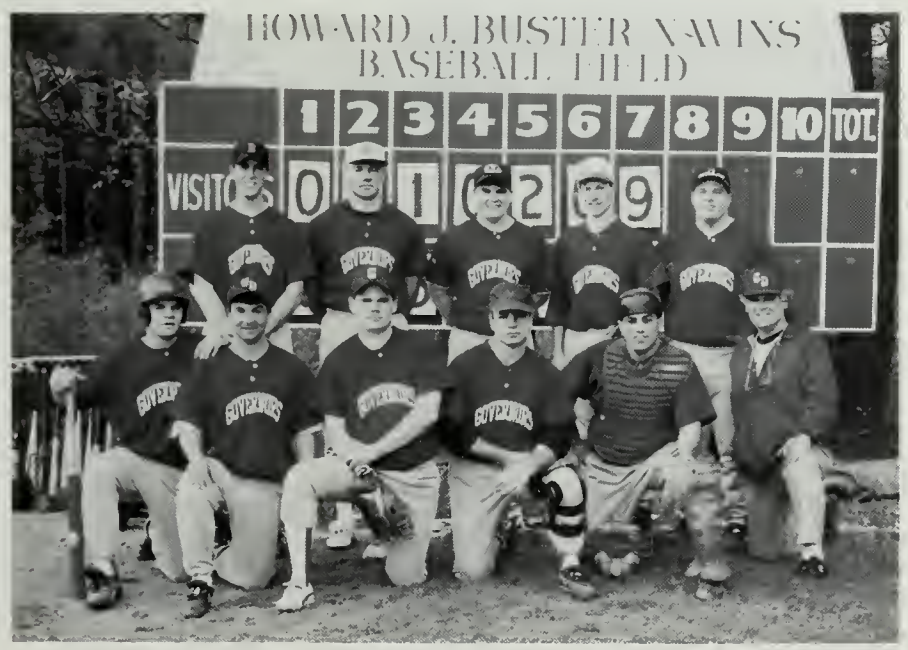
He served Governor Dummer Academy for two years as a history teacher, coach and dorm parent. His talent, enthusiasm and *joie de vivre* earned the respect and affection of the entire community. He was beloved by those who knew him well, including the many in attendance last summer at his wedding to Jennifer Taintor Liske held in GDA's Moseley Chapel. Previously he spent two years in central Tunisia as a Peace Corps volunteer fostering youth development programs and a year teaching at the Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College of Wooster in 1991. He was an Eagle Scout. In short, he spent his life giving his best to whatever he did.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents, Kurt and Margaret Liske of Hudson, Ohio; and a sister, Heather Liske; and many other family members and friends.

His life was celebrated in services this summer in Rockport and Hudson, Ohio. On September 21, the GDA community gathered on the athletic fields to share memories in the tradition of his Quaker heritage. His family has suggested that contributions may be sent in his name to the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, or to Governor Dummer Academy.

baseball team. Despite Anderson's and Leavitt's vast knowledge and emotional firepower, the GDA varsities carried the day with hard-fought wins. At one point, a member of the alumni nine exclaimed, "If you don't stop throwing curve balls, I'm going to cancel my annual fund gift!" Following the games, the Bragdons hosted a reception in the Mansion House.

Director of Alumni/ae and Parent Relations Mike Moonves reports that the Spring '98 Alumni/ae Games will take place May 17, 1998, adding, "all those interested in participating in baseball, men's lacrosse or women's lacrosse are encouraged to mark their calendars now."



Globe Honors Athletes

The *Boston Globe* singled out Dan Gadzuric '98 and Claire Shearman '98 as the outstanding male and female athletes in last spring's Independent School League track season. Of Gadzuric, the *Globe* noted, "he used his superior size, strength and agility to perfection in the shot put, discus and 4x100 relay." Shearman earned her accolades by having, "about as perfect a season as one can have, going undefeated in the 800, 1500 and 3000 meter events...she set school records in the 1500 (4:47.43) and 3000 (10:24.22) while clocking 2:21.76 in the 800."

GDA placed three on the Globe's ISL all-star baseball team: Patrick Rothwell '97, Bob Simms '99, and G.M. Van Cott '97.

THE CARL A. PESCOSOLIDO LIBRARY AND THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE OPEN ON TIME AND ON BUDGET

In a triumph of planning and oversight, the Academy's stunning new buildings opened for business in time for the return of students for the 1997-98 academic year. Headmaster Peter Bragdon reports that, "This is thrilling. A lot of credit must be given to Chief Financial Officer Dick Savage, Academic Dean Brian Lenane '72 and Gerry Mack P'87'91'93 Trustee Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, for keeping things on track. They, trustees



The Center for the Study of Mathematics and Science



The Carl A. Pescosolido Library

Shirley French P'76, George Scharfe P'95'00, George McGregor '51 and the Faculty Facilities Committee worked tirelessly on every aspect of these monumental projects." With a combined size of 50,000 square feet, these projects double the amount of space on campus now devoted to academic pursuits.

The formal dedication was held on October 18. Please look for a review of that ceremony and a feature highlighting these splendid facilities in the next *Archon*.

MR. AND MRS. "ABU" TRAVEL DOWN UNDER

Master teachers David and Laurel Abusamra departed on June 29 for Sydney, Australia, and returned three weeks later after also visiting Melbourne, Ayers Rock Resort, Cairns, Auckland and Tahiti. They are the fifth and sixth faculty members to participate in the Academy's summer sabbatical program, established through a grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation.

"We'd always been intrigued by the flora and fauna of the world's oldest continent," explained David Abusamra, prefacing anecdotes about his wife kissing a kangaroo and allowing an exotic fish to nibble her leg while they snorkeled in Agincourt Reef. Crocodiles, a duck-billed platypus, giant clams, sheep dogs at work, a butterfly sanctuary and fairy penguins rounded out their critter sightings during tours of the areas surrounding Sydney, Melbourne and Cairns. "The kangaroo and the emu were chosen as the Australian national animals because neither can walk backwards," added Mrs. Abusamra.

Though the desire had always been there, the Abusamras began to think even more strongly of visiting Australia after Chris and Ross Clayton came to GDA for the 1989-90 academic year. The charm and the warmth of the Claytons made Australia seem even more attractive and a highlight of the trip was being able to see them once again.

Climbing Ayers Rock, the world's largest monolith, was a strenuous thrill. The climb was so steep and slippery that the leg soreness experienced by the Abusamras felt very similar to the discomfort felt after having run a marathon!

A couple of days in Tahiti on the way home gave the Abusamras the opportunity to practice their French while contemplating the many temptations faced by Paul Gaugin and Marlon Brando. You might think that they would call this their "trip of a lifetime," but, after such a delightful adventure, they are not ready to give up hopes of experiencing more of life down under.

GDA STUDENTS EXCEL AT N.E. TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Claire Shearman '98 set a new New England Division II record in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:47.43, finishing 15 seconds ahead of the second place runner. Shearman also won the 800 meter run and the 3000 meter run, the latter by a margin of 57 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. The New England Division II record in the 1500 had been held since 1989 by former GDA runner Amy Russell '89.

Dan Gadzuric '98 captured first place honors in both the shot put and discus events, repeating his dual victories earned at the ISL Championships. Andy Ramirez '98 won the 800 meter run in 2:00.9, setting a new New England Division III record.

The women's meet was held at Mt. Holyoke College while the men's meet was held at Braintree High School – both on May 17, 1997.

LEAVITT HONES PEDAGOGY WHILE "SUMMERING" IN PAKISTAN

Master teacher Dick Leavitt spent June 13 through July 5 in Karachi, Pakistan, teaching precalculus mathematics to 30 Pakistani mathematics teachers. Leavitt collaborated with David Penner of the Phillips Academy mathematics department as part of a program sanctioned by the Institution for Educational Development of the Aga Khan University in Karachi.

"The course was structured in the same way we teach precalculus mathematics to students at GDA," Leavitt noted, adding that, "the goal was to demonstrate the power and limitations of teaching modern secondary school mathematics with a graphing calculator. Because of the substantial changes my colleagues and I have brought to our teaching of mathematics over the past six or seven years, this program imposed a self-examination of our new methods, particularly the substantial reliance on technology, and especially the graphing calculator."

Leavitt reports that his work confirmed the value of the graphing calculator in freeing the student from some of the drudgery of calculation to concentrate on mathematical concepts. His work in Pakistan also underscored the necessity of teaching not just mathematics, but the use of the calculator itself!

DATELINE NBC COMES TO GDA

The Little Red Schoolhouse was televised coast to coast as the backdrop for a story October 5.

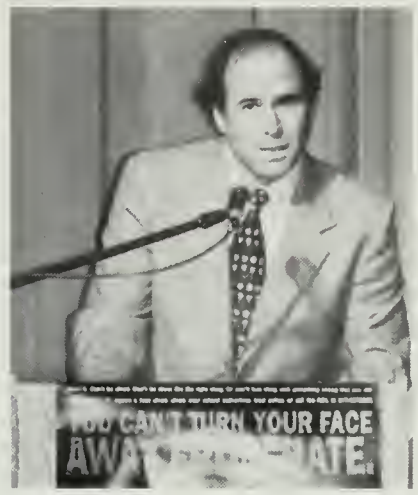
On Wednesday, May 21, on-air personality Rob Stafford, producer Mary Lockhart and their crew of three spent the day filming at GDA. They got here the old fashioned way – networking and family connections.

Rob Stafford told his brother Chris, GDA '80, of an upcoming story calling for an old-fashioned schoolhouse to be used as the background for his commentary. Chris immediately reminded Rob of our own Little Red Schoolhouse. A phone call and several e-mails later, GDA became the setting for part of a story on 'zero tolerance' rules in public schools that have, for example, led to children being arrested for bringing paring knifes with their bagged lunches.

ADL'S ZAKIM RIVETS GDA AUDIENCE

Lenny Zakim, Director of the Boston office of the Anti-Defamation League, spoke out against hate and put-downs before a rapt GDA audience at the May 15, 1997 convocation.

Zakim pointed out that hate crimes, related atrocities and even genocide all start with words. Put-downs, so-called jokes, and verbal abuse begin the chain of events by which a disinterested majority can become desensitized and co-opted by a malevolent fringe. Through personal anecdotes and a forceful delivery style, Zakim repeatedly underscored the point that, "what affects one directly, affects all indirectly." His message resonated beyond the issue of anti-Semitism; gays, women, minorities and other groups have also felt the lash of defamatory behavior.



Jim Rudolph '68

Zakim charged each member of the audience with the responsibility of becoming an active voice against hate crimes, bigotry and violence. He suggested that neutrality in these matters is a canard and that everyone has a duty to speak out against such acts and to reach out to the aggrieved. In closing, Zakim added, "I hope that all of you accept that this fight has to be your fight as well."

Zakim was preceded at the podium by Anti-Defamation League Vice Chairman Jim Rudolph '68, who offered his own memories of being Jewish at GDA 30 years ago. At that time, Rudolph poignantly recalled, the student body was predominantly WASP and the few Jewish students often felt torn between the on-campus culture and their own heritage. Rudolph helped to found a discussion group, the precursor of today's Jewish Fellowship, that became an alternative to mandatory attendance at the Christian Chapel services. Rudolph noted that his own great-grandfather was a rabbi and designer of the flag of Israel. Supporting Zakim and Rudolph in the audience was Judi Krupp, mother of Richard '98, and National Chair of the ADL's World of Difference Program.



GDA was not part of the story per se, but the Little Red Schoolhouse provided a visual backdrop while Stafford discussed procedures in simpler times.

Between takes, Stafford remembered that his brother thrived here as a wrestler under then-coach Heb Evans and that our facilities were not nearly as impressive as they are today. All involved with the shoot commented that the food provided by the GDA dining hall was the finest they had ever enjoyed on location.

ADMISSION UPDATE

The enrollment picture at Governor Dummer Academy is a positive and exciting one. This past year saw increased numbers of inquiries, applications, and campus visits, translating into a banner year for admissions.

Director of Admission Gillian Lloyd reports, "On September 4th, the Academy welcomed 122 new students and 242 returning students to campus. Our new students represent 16 states and 6 foreign countries, included 34 legacies and, as this article goes to press, they demonstrate an excitement and commitment to learning that is invigorating!

"As we begin our new admission season, members of the Admission staff are planning to travel across the United States with additional stops in Canada and Bermuda. GDA will host an Admission Open House on Saturday, October 25th to introduce prospective families to our beautiful campus, outstanding faculty and academic programs, accomplished athletic teams and our challenging yet nurturing community.

"As always, we look forward to the continuing vital support of the Allies under the leadership of Debbie St. Jean, Denise McManus and Peggy Binelli. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with GDA alumni and alumnae in cities across the country as we spread the word about this remarkable school."

Remember the Ladies:



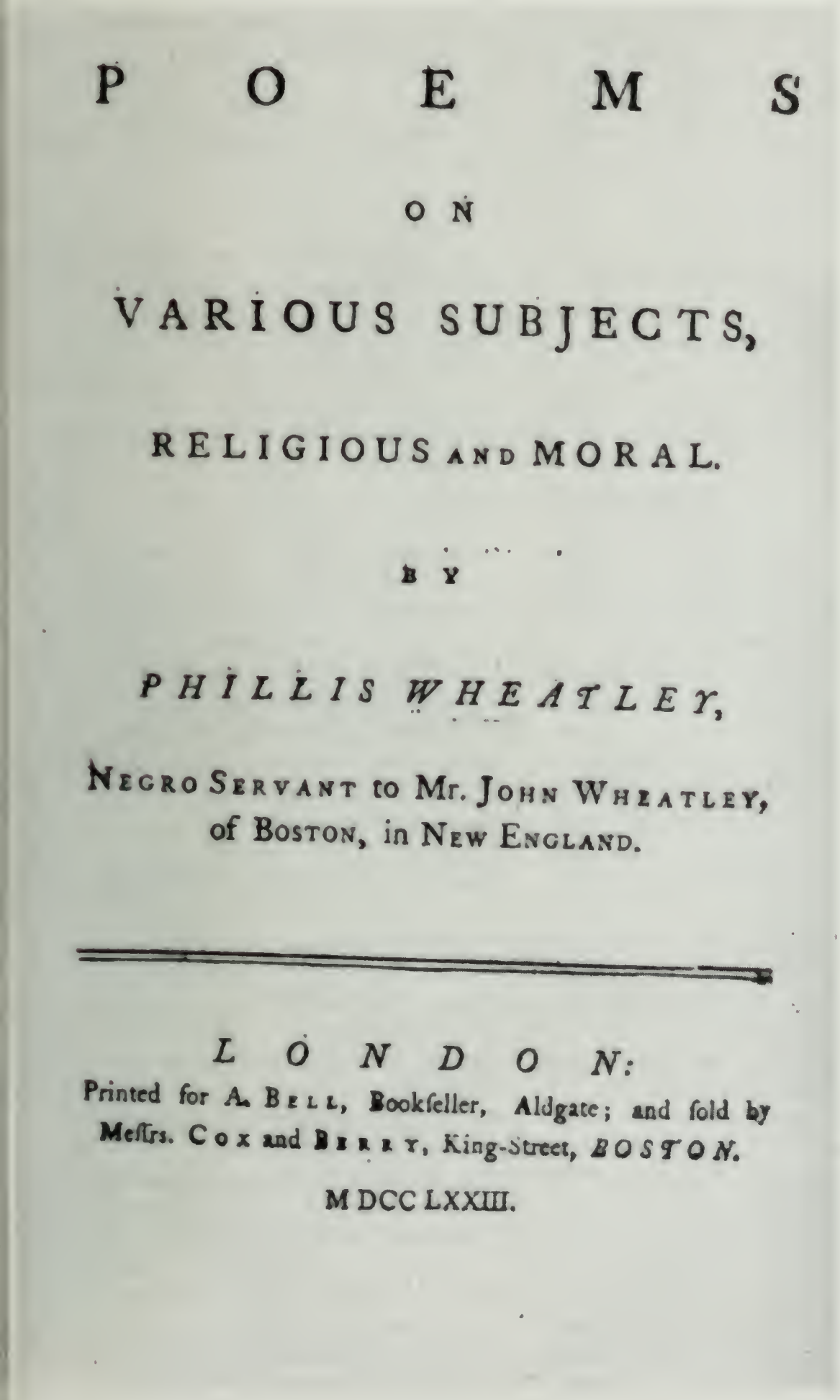
Master teachers Jeannette Sedgwick and Kristen Vogel spent their summer researching and writing a scholarly article on the topic of women writers in revolutionary and post-revolutionary Massachusetts. Their work was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Both Vogel and Sedgwick note that their graduate training in history and English, respectively, allowed them to bring the methodologies of those two disciplines together in ways that will resonate for each as they continue to refine their pedagogy. In keeping with the tenants of our mastery program, now in its fifth year, their efforts embody the principle that GDA be a community for scholars of all ages, and *The Archon* is honored to publish the accompanying excerpt of their work.

We would be pleased to send a copy of the entire article upon request. Please call 978/499-3173 or write The Archon, 1 Elm Street, Byfield MA 01922.

Revolutionary Women Writers

by
Jeannette Sedgwick &
Kristen Vogel



POEMS

ON

VARIOUS SUBJECTS,

RELIGIOUS AND MORAL.

BY

PHILLIS WHEATLEY,

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The following paper is the result of a conversation about summer plans that occurred on a chilly, gray November day when August seemed far away. As we walked our dogs on the Academy's playing fields, we realized that our academic interests paralleled, that we would benefit from work independent of the curriculum, and that the National Endowment of the Humanities offered us the opportunity to enrich our summer by studying together. These discoveries furnished us with the beginnings of an independent study project on women writers.

In recent studies of women's literary history, many historians argue that the personal is political. In particular, Joan Scott calls for a history that "understands the complex and discursive processes" (Scott, 33) that inform women's history. While traditional history tends to examine only the established political structure, women's history explores women's personal lives, primarily because women were barred from participation in politics. In our study, we looked at women's personal experiences, visited their homes when possible, and read their works for the connections between the personal and the political in their lives. We understand that the act of writing is not necessarily revolutionary; however, the social structure of Puritan New England and the realities of women's everyday lives made the act of purposeful writing highly unusual. Five of the six women we studied wrote and published in Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary America (1765-1815), a period characterized by the growing intolerance of tyranny, oppression and corrupt governments, the fight for freedom, and the struggle for inalienable rights. These ideals had political implications for both women

and men; while white males who owned land could vote and represent others in the political arena, women could publish politically motivated material, though in doing so, they broke with tradition. The women we studied highlighted the discrepancy between the ideal and the reality of "freedom." Adrienne Rich writes of Anne Bradstreet: "she inhabits a time and place in which heroism was a necessity of life, and men and women were fighting for survival both as individuals and as a community. To find room in that life for any mental activity which did not directly serve certain spiritual ends was an act of great assertion and vitality"(Rich, xx-xxi). Certainly her statement can be applied to all of the women in our study, as they all challenged, publicly and privately, the hypocrisy of inalienable rights to all citizens of the new republic...

As was customary of the time, her poems were circulated among family and friends in the new colony. Not customary, however, was her brother-in-law's reaction to her poetry; John Woodbridge was so impressed that in 1650 he took her manuscript to London and had it published under the title "The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung up in America."

The rose garden was in bloom when we visited the Whipple House in Ipswich in June. We talked with the caretaker in order to get a sense of life in Ipswich when Anne Bradstreet lived on High Street. Excited about our study, the caretaker was more than willing to give us information about other writers and the details of home life in colonial Ipswich. We learned that poverty and neglect are the best friends of history and preservation. The economic depression that hit Ipswich in the mid 18th century kept people from updating and tearing down their homes. As a result, Ipswich boasts of a large number of 18th-century homes. It was also interesting to learn that the existing Platt-Bradstreet House is not the home that Anne Bradstreet lived in, but is built on the land of the original Bradstreet home. The Bradstreets moved from this land to a new home in Andover in the late 17th century. The original home in Ipswich was destroyed and the present Platt-Bradstreet home built on the site. We left the Whipple House with a strong sense of life in colonial Ipswich.

Anne Dudley Bradstreet lived and wrote in the pre-Revolutionary time period of American history. She was America's first poet and thus an important figure in American literary history. Born in England in 1612, she was educated by her father, who inspired her to read and study history, religion, and literature with other noblemen's daughters in England (Eberwein, 162). Her family joined the 1630 exodus to Massachusetts Bay Colony, crossed the Atlantic on the Arbella, and established their first home in Charlestown. In 1635, Anne moved with her father's assistant and her new husband, Simon Bradstreet, to Ipswich, Massachusetts, where she raised eight children, maintained the household while her husband traveled on colonial affairs, and wrote extensively. As was customary of the time, her poems were circulated among family and friends in the new colony. Not customary, however, was her brother-in-law's reaction to her poetry; John Woodbridge was so impressed that in 1650 he took her manuscript to London and had it published under the title "The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung up in America." It is not clear if Bradstreet knew of his intentions, but her poetry apologizes for being so outspoken about her talents as to publish her works. Her book, when brought to the colonies, was well received by her contemporaries (Eberwein, 164).

Bradstreet conflates the public in the private, particularly in her later poetry for which she is now best known. Bradstreet compares authorship, a traditionally "public" enterprise, to motherhood and childhood, more "private" activities. This type of analogy was not a trope of her time. Instead, it was Bradstreet's own device for establishing her identity as a writer in more traditional terms, concomitantly establishing a private and public self. Bradstreet's work extends beyond religious and moral themes; it echoes and individualizes her experiences living in the British colonies.

One of the poems that best exemplifies this merging of the public and private is "The Author to Her Book." The extended metaphor of the child is remarkable; the book-child is dressed in homespun cloth, has a dirty face which will not come clean, and is a "rambling brat" beyond the reach of her mother. In this poem, Bradstreet admits to sending her child into the unknown wilderness, the public places of critics:

Thou ill-formed offspring of my feeble brain,
Who after birth did'st by my side remain,
Till snatched from thence by friends, less wise than true,
Who thee abroad, exposed to public view,
Made thee in rags, halting to th' press to trudge,
Where errors were not lessened (all may judge).
At thy return my blushing was not small,
My rambling brat (in print) should mother call,
I cast thee by as one unfit for light,
Thy visage was so irksome in my sight;

Yet being mine own, at length affection would
Thy blemishes amend, if so I could:
I washed thy face, but more defects I saw,
And rubbing off a spot still made a flaw.
I stretched thy joints to make thee even feet,
Yet still thou run'st more hobbling than is meet;
In better dress to trim thee was my mind,
But nought save homespun cloth i' th' house I find.
In this array 'mongst vulgars may'st thou roam.
In critic's hands beware thou dost not come,
And take thy way where yet thou art not known;
If for thy father asked, say thou hadst none;
And for thy mother, she alas is poor,
Which caused her thus to send thee out of door.

It is as though Bradstreet, though ashamed of her public "child", her book, cares for it despite the embarrassment, either real or feigned, that it has caused her. As a child is likely to be unruly, so is Bradstreet's published work, exposed to the public's eye. Interesting, too, is Bradstreet's admission of her own female authorship, "If for thy father asked, say thou hadst none," further cementing the comparison between procreation, a female duty, and authorship, a male endeavor...

We traveled to Boston on the actual day the Declaration of Independence was signed, July 2. In celebration of independence, Harborfest was in full swing. With the help of a National Park Service ranger, we met the Education Director of the Old South Meeting House, Jill Sanderson. She pulled herself away from her Harborfest booth celebrating the works of Phillis Wheatley to talk with us about Wheatley's work and the programs she has developed to teach students about Wheatley as an African-American writer and woman in revolutionary Boston. Her knowledge and expertise on Wheatley was tremendously helpful to our research.

Phillis Wheatley is more outspoken about her political and public role than Bradstreet, in part because of a different political climate, but mostly because of her experiences as a slave in New England during the American Revolution. Seven-year-old Wheatley arrived in Boston in 1761 on a slave ship after being kidnapped, as she states in her poems, from her family and culture. She was sold to the Wheatley family in Boston, who educated her formally in English, Latin, geography, and history. Within sixteen months, Wheatley learned to read the Bible, her first book (Sanderson). She began writing poetry at the age of twelve, and by the time she was eighteen, her verses were published with the help of patrons such as her owner Suzanna Wheatley. Like Bradstreet's, Wheatley's poems were first published in London. In order to be published in London, however, Wheatley was questioned by eighteen prominent colonial men, including Thomas Hutchinson and John Hancock, to prove she had authored the poems (Shields, 229). Once she had been authenticated, her book entitled "Poems" was printed and distributed. Wheatley did earn "a small income" from the revenues (Sanderson), and the Wheatley family officially manumitted her in 1773. However, Suzanna Wheatley continually supported her former slave from 1773 until her own death. After Suzanna Wheatley's death, Wheatley found many of her former friends and supporters no longer willing to help her gain access to the literary community. After experiencing international fame as a poet, it is tragic that Wheatley struggled to support herself, her husband, and her children in the later years of her life. She died in a boarding house and was buried in an unmarked grave in Boston in 1784 (Sanderson).

As the first black American poet published in America, Phillis Wheatley depended upon white patrons, many of them slave holders, to support her. In an age that supported revolt and revolution, Wheatley was acutely aware that "freedom" from tyranny and oppressive governments applied only for whites, and that there was a great hypocrisy in preaching "inalienable rights" for only a portion of the country's population. She knew of the fears of slave rebellions during the late 1700's and understood the boundaries she crossed by making a living from her writing. "The fact of a black woman reading, writing, and publishing poems was in itself enough to splinter the categories of white and black and explode a social order grounded in notions of racial difference" (Erkkila, 202). Therefore, Wheatley's poetry is subtly ironic, and very careful in its criticisms. She "couched her criticisms in ironic praise" (Erkkila, 202) and realized the paradox between revolutionary justice and the institution of slavery.

Phillis Wheatley freely sends her poems into the world, though she writes, "she had no Intention ever to have published them." In the preface to *Poems on Various Subjects Religious and Moral* (1773), she writes, "With all their Imperfections, the Poems are now humbly submitted to the Perusal of the Public." In the following poem, Wheatley subtley establishes a metaphor of Africans (Ethiopians) with the new colonies in "America."

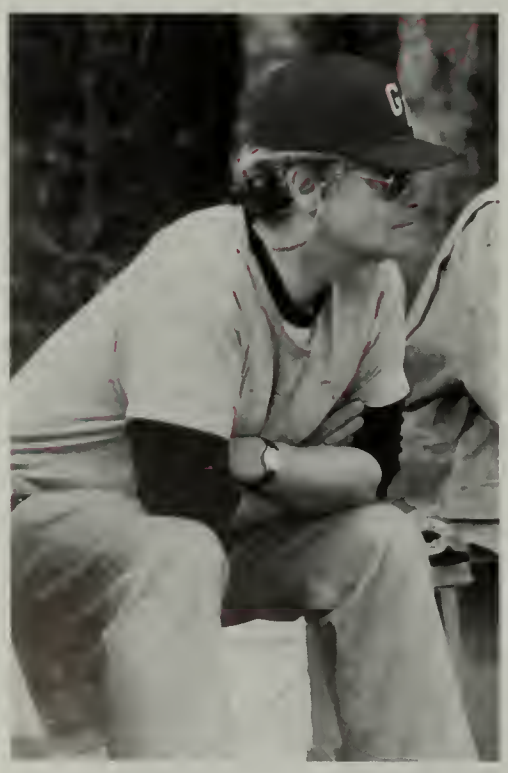
New England first a wilderness was found
Till for a continent 'twas destin'd round
From field to field the savage monsters run
E'r yet Brittania had her work begun

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Master Teacher Dick Leavitt Honored by Union College

Dick Leavitt received Union College's Excellence in Teaching Award at the all school assembly held May 29. Leavitt was presented with the award by the person who nominated him - Susan Gilberg, president of GDA's Class of '97 and new member of Union College's Class of '01. The citation reads that, "Committed, challenging and caring teachers have a positive impact on our lives, throughout our lives."

The following correspondence – Gilberg to Union, Union to GDA, and Leavitt to Gilberg – demonstrates that not only is the citation apt, but also that committed, caring students have a profound impact on their teachers. Since 1763, close relationships between master and student have been the hallmark of the Academy.



Dick Leavitt "at work" during Alumni Games Day

Mr. Daniel Lundquist
Union College

Dear Mr. Lundquist,

When I first received your letter in search of "committed, challenging and caring teachers throughout our lives," there was no question in my mind that the faculty member most deserving of this award would be Mr. Richard Leavitt, one of the most demanding teachers at Governor Dummer Academy. The hard part for me certainly was not which teacher to nominate, but rather how I could possibly describe to you the impact that Mr. Leavitt has had on me and all of the students that he encounters.

Every day for my first two years at Governor Dummer, I would walk by Mr. Leavitt in the halls of the math building and across campus. I was always intimidated by him, for he represents the foundation of our school in his very old fashioned ways. A graduate of Amherst College and Bowdoin's graduate program, Mr. Leavitt has contributed to Governor Dummer for nearly 33 years. I have constantly asked myself why and how Mr. Leavitt has managed to be such a great teacher for so long. He is brilliant and could be off somewhere writing books, creating theorems or inventing computer programs, but he isn't. He spends every day of every school year in the small town of Byfield, Massachusetts. After having Mr. Leavitt as my own teacher, the reality hit me. Watching him teach, I realized that Mr. Leavitt truly loves what he does and makes every effort to show that to his students. He spends his free time planning fun lessons and thinking of ways to grab the attention and interest of each of his students.

I didn't formally meet Mr. Leavitt until my junior year in Algebra II. I remember my first day of class when he told us that if he was so much as five minutes late to class, we should probably check the local obituaries! He was certainly right, for he never missed a class! I was amazed and quite intimidated on the first day as he laid out all of his expectations for each student. He was asking a lot but assured us all that with the drive to learn we would definitely succeed. Algebra II turned out to be much harder than I had initially anticipated, but it was Mr. Leavitt's encouragement to work harder without losing sight of what I had already completed that helped me to survive the course. Always available to help a student, never too hurried to sit and talk, Mr. Leavitt was slowly turning into my favorite teacher as well as my inspiration.

One of Mr. Leavitt's greatest attributes is that he can gain a student's respect, not by giving easy tests or no homework, but by giving hard tests and lots of homework. He tests each of his students' boundaries without letting them fall off the deep end, and teaches you to feel the meaning of success. Throughout my four years at Governor Dummer Academy, I have earned a wide spectrum of grades ranging from C's to A's. I am, however, most proud of the B minus I was able to earn at the end of my junior year in Algebra II.

When it was time to select a faculty advisor for my senior year, Mr. Leavitt was first on my list. I had gone through a tremendous amount of

emotional and family difficulties during the summer prior to my senior year. On returning to school last fall, attending a college suddenly turned into one of the last priorities on my list. Eventually, I began the college search and fell in love with one school and only one school. That was Union College. I worried that I would not be admitted, but Mr. Leavitt encouraged me to pursue this dream. As a matter of fact, Mr. Leavitt has recognized all of my dreams and aspirations, and has been willing to do all that he could to help. Without his help and advice, I might still be wallowing in my own self-pity.

Mr. Leavitt has always shown me that there is more to life than what is right in front of you, and the difficulty lies in finding the rest. Quiet and reserved in his ways, but loud and confident in his beliefs, no teacher that I have ever encountered is more deserving of the award that you have described. I hope he does not get denied because my letter can't quite capture just how amazing he is.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Susan Gilberg, GDA '97
Union College '01



Susan Gilberg delivering a prize-winning speech

May 16, 1997

Mr. Peter Bragdon
Governor Dummer Academy
1 Elm Street
Byfield, MA 01922

Dear Mr. Bragdon,

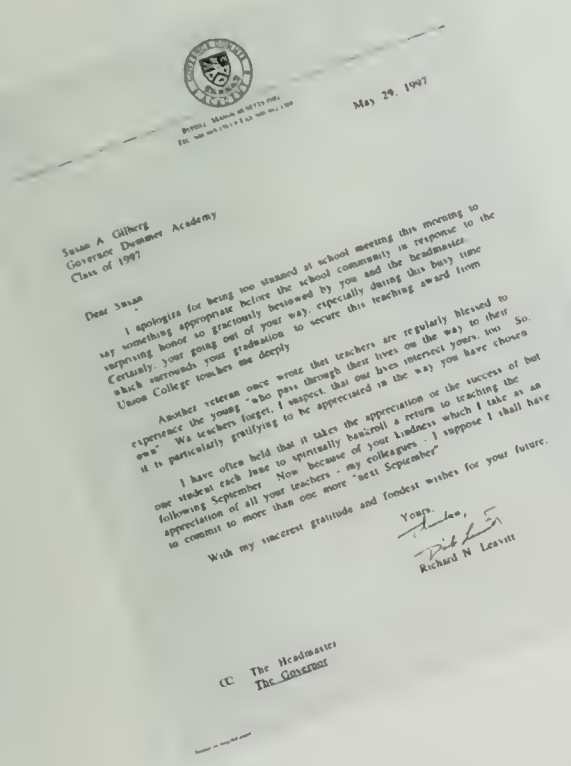
I am pleased to enclose a Union College Excellence in Teaching Award for Mr. Richard Leavitt, who was nominated by one of your graduating seniors who will be attending Union next year, Susan Gilberg.

The nomination form reads: "Committed, challenging, and caring teachers throughout our lives, enrich our lives, in secondary school and in college. Please use the space below – or an additional sheet, if necessary – to describe a teacher who has influenced your intellectual development, shaped your thinking, and guided you to your future goals."

Well, Susan did a fine job of presenting Mr. Leavitt saying "one of Mr. Leavitt's greatest attributes is that he can gain a student's respect, not by giving easy tests or no homework, but by giving hard tests and lots of homework. He tests each of his students' boundaries without letting them fall off the deep end, and teaches you to feel the meaning of success. Mr. Leavitt has always shown me that there is more to life than what is right in front of you, and the difficulty lies within finding the rest." Bravo!

We would appreciate it if Susan could present this certificate at an appropriate school function, an assembly or awards ceremony. Of course we want to defer to your sense of what the appropriate forum is for such a presentation.

Many thanks for your assistance and congratulations on having teachers like Mr. Leavitt and students like Susan. We are proud she chose Union College.
Sincerely,
Dan Lundquist, Union College



May 29, 1997

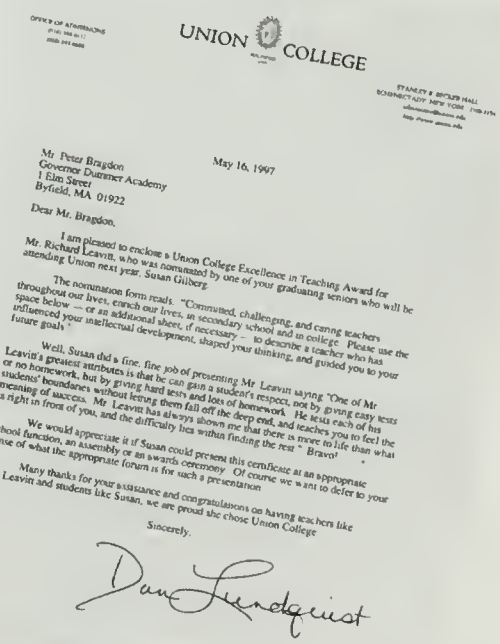
Susan A. Gilberg
Governor Dummer Academy
Class of 1997

Dear Susan:

I apologize for being too stunned at school meeting this morning to say something appropriate before the school community in response to the surprising honor so graciously bestowed by you and the Headmaster. Certainly, your going out of your way, especially during this busy time which surrounds your graduation, to secure this teaching award from Union College touches me deeply.

Another veteran once wrote that teachers are regularly blessed to experience the young "who pass through their lives on the way to their own."

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Graduation Address - 1997

by Dan Morgan '67, P'97

Headmaster Bragdon, parents, relatives and friends, faculty and administration, fellow trustees, members of the classes of 2000, 1999, 1998 and most importantly the great Class of 1997, I am honored to be here and privileged to have the opportunity to address you today.

This is a powerful position in which I find myself. I am the last thing between you and your diplomas. Furthermore, I suppose I have some choice in whether I hand them to you or not. Therefore, I'm sure I can count on your full attention for the next twelve minutes.

Before I begin, I hope you all will understand that I would not be fulfilling my obligation as a trustee if I did not take this opportunity to do a little fund raising. And to that end, Lysee Cutler, you are terrific and please give ten dollars to the GDA Annual Fund ASAP. So much for business.

I must say you look terrific - what a sight. We, your parents, are so proud of you today and what you've accomplished here. We have watched you grow and go from play-dough to Plato and here you are about to take a huge step forward in your life - the symbolic leap over the wall as you hurdle into adulthood.

I'd like to be able to say that it seems like only yesterday that I was sitting right where you're sitting but the fact of the matter is that it doesn't and it wasn't. But the thought of my sitting right where you're sitting certainly brings home how GDA endures through time. You are the 234th class to pass by this building. The Mansion House was where the first students lived in 1763. The Morse Flag would have been the Union Jack. Across the street, the original school house was where Master Moody prepared the young not just for college but for life.

You have to understand that today you take your place in the continuum that is Governor Dummer Academy. Governor Dummer is a tradition in so many ways - a tradition of learning...a tradition of friendship...a tradition of service to society.

I think perhaps as a student you are almost too close to it to understand how much a part of this you play and how you fit in. But I've talked about these old buildings and how they symbolize the enduring traditions, but more than the buildings, it's the people who have been touched by the school that embody what this school stands for.

Leading the faculty in the processional were members of the "Old Guard," master teachers who taught here since the early 1930's - the beginning of a remarkable era in the history of this school.

These men have taken the time and made considerable effort to come here for the sole purpose of witnessing the Class of 1997 taking its place in GDA history. I roughly calculate that they have watched over one quarter of GDA graduating classes and surely over three quarters of the total graduates of the Academy take the steps you are about to take. These men who have been honored by so many have come to honor you. To watch as you pass by, reaffirms that GDA's mission continues forth stronger than ever.

What an incredible place this is and I think one grows to appreciate it more and more over time.

As I said, 30 years ago I was sitting in your seat and when I was deciding what to talk to you about today I thought, "What would have been helpful for someone

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Dan '67 and Mayo '97 Morgan

Baccalaureate Address - 1997

by Pierre Baratelli



Quoting Cole Porter

The Baratellis' 30 years of service to the Academy were celebrated in the last issue of The Archon. *The Class of '97 accorded Mr. Baratelli two final honors; they dedicated their yearbook to him, along with master teacher Chris Stowens, and they asked him to deliver their Baccalaureate Address.*

Mr. Bragdon, Friends, Parents, Colleagues and Seniors:

Well, here you all are - ready to move on to new adventures and new environments and to close one short chapter in your lives. If it seemed long, just wait! My chapter here lasted 30 years, but I'm moving on too.

I know that you can't see just how you have changed, but to your parents and the faculty, the changes are near miraculous. This growth can continue and become even more exciting.

As you go on, my hope for you is that you will find much joy in your lives - from family, relationships, jobs - and especially that you will find that special joy that comes from being open to life in all of its manifestations.

Many of you have already found that joy in singing, in painting, in dancing, in writing or in the solving of an intriguing math problem. Or in understanding some of the causes of a historical event. Or in the thrill of skiing the high country. In my wildest moments I even hope that some of you have found it in mastering the intricacies of a foreign language. (I wish I had the time now for just a quick review of the agreement of the past participle in French.)

As you move on, I hope that you will continue to search out, and find, that joy in many new places. You can, of course, find it in Beethoven, but try Charles Ives too; in an etching of Rembrant, or a painting of Miro; and I've been told you can find it in hip-hop and Madonna, but try Duke Ellington and Billie Holliday. And there are the simple joys, such as just holding a piece of Indian pottery and listening to the clay. But often the greatest joys are to be found in the realm of ideas and action. Jean-Paul Sartre alludes to that joy in his concept of *engagement* (commitment). So, I hope that you will be committed in whatever you do. And I hope you won't be afraid to take on the big issues and work for the elimination of indifference to suffering, to bigotry, to hate, to racism, to homophobia.

So, these are a few of my hopes for you - and actually, for me too. But, of course, for myself, I must add the hope that I will not become one of those drivers who slows down when he sees a green light knowing that it may turn red at any moment.

In closing, I would like to quote that great American philosopher, moralist and sociologist (who just happened to be a song-writer): Cole Porter. (If you don't know who he is, ask your parents - no, ask your grandparents!)

The song, *Experiment*, (relax, I won't sing it) could have been my whole speech, but I couldn't let you off that easily.

Before you leave these
portals
To meet less fortunate
mortals,
There's just one final
message I would give to you...
Experiment!

(From: *Nymph Errant*, 1933)

to have told me?" based on the "boy, if I'd have only known then what I know now" theory.

So, I thought about what happened after GDA in 1967. College, yes, but more than that, a bombardment of events. Within two years, Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated. Two men of vision and dreams for a better world, cut down. And man was walking on the moon by then too. But hanging over us all this entire time, we were faced daily with the Vietnam War ravaging the soul of the United States and polarizing our country. During this time, a draft lottery was held based upon birthdays - the first third chosen were very likely to be drafted into the military, the second third were probably not going to be called and the final third were off the hook.

My birthday was celebrated as number 20 out of 365. Life after college was not looking so good.

I wish someone had told me all this future in 1967. So what would I have done with this new found information? Besides betting that the '67 Red Sox would lose the World Series in 7 games? Not much.

But then, something fell into place when I thought about that situation. I recalled a sense of helplessness, a sense that so much was out of my control, and as a result I was under a lot of stress and feeling sorry for myself that all this was happening to me and using it as an excuse for not achieving what I could have achieved at that time.

When I think of that, I wish someone would have said to me in 1967, "I don't know what the future will bring but I will guarantee it will bring some major catastrophes in your life that are outside of your control." Doesn't the history of our school tell us that? It has happened with every generation of students who graduated from GDA. An event of major proportions. The Class of 1763 dealt with the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act and events leading to the American Revolution. Following that, wars of various impact and economic depressions greeted GDA graduates. The Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression some here remember. My father graduated into World War II. The Korean War. Every age of Governor Dummer graduates have been faced with some dilemma over which they had no control. I guarantee something will happen to you. I don't know what specifically, but some huge event that will effect you and the world we live in, as has happened with every generation of GDA graduate. And the biggest mistake you can make is to allow this event to turn you away from what you want to achieve or to use it as an excuse to divert you from your mission.

And speaking of your mission in life, that's the second thing that would have been helpful to comprehend in 1967. That you're not always going to be on course for your life's work. You'll be searching for it from time to time and that's OK. But it's important that through the times when your focus is not so clear, that you don't set aside your basic values. And certainly at a time both when outside events are beyond your control and you are looking for the direction of your life, this is doubly important.

In 1963, I remember an old grad from the turn of the century came to speak to us. We gathered in the Cobb Room, which was the only space big enough for the school to

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Morgan Serenades Senior Class, Tradition Resurrected

At commencement this spring, GDA board president Dan Morgan '67, P'97 concluded his remarks with a beautiful rendition of GDA's Senior Song. Alumni and alumnae of the 70's and after may have heard the song at the annual Reunion Glee Club Concert. Those who graduated earlier will surely remember gathering around the Milestone to regale their families, the faculty and others in the audience before leaping over the wall as their final rite of passage on campus.

After a hiatus of 25 years, the Senior Song returned to its place in the Academy's graduation exercises. On the Mansion House lawn, in sight of the original Little Red School House, the sense of emotion, pride and continuity that Morgan conveyed was palpable. Faculty and underclassmen – not to mention the seniors and others gathered – were so moved that the Class of '98 has determined to learn the song for their own graduation this coming spring and thereby re-establish the Senior Song as a traditional highlight of graduation.

The Senior Song

Strangers once, we came to dwell together,
Sons of the Gov'nor tried and true;
Now we're bound by ties that cannot sever
All our whole lives through.
Gather closer, hand to hand,
The time draws near when we must part;
Still the love of Byfield days
Will linger ever in each heart.
So pass the ancient milestone by,
And lift the Senior Song on high;
Around the ancient milestone file
While we have yet a little while to linger,
Youth, and you and I,
In Byfield days.



"Without Us, Who? If Not Now, When?"

by Jeffrey L. Gordon '69

Jeffrey L. Gordon '69 is treasurer of GDA's Board of Trustees. He lives with his family in Newport, Rhode Island, where he is managing director of the investment firm Slocum, Gordon & Co.

Gordon recently stepped down as president of the Board of Trustees of St. Michael's Country Day School. Notably, the three headmasters with whom he worked in that capacity all have a strong GDA connection. Stephen DiCicco's son, David, is a member of the class of 1998, and graced the cover of the last issue of The Archon; *C. Dary Dunham's son, Nick, graduated in 1991; and the current head, Alan Flynn, Jr., graduated himself in 1950.*

In 1937, Winston Churchill was a lone voice warning an inward-looking England of the impending danger of Hitler's growing duplicity and determination for a German Third Reich. It would not be until May 1940 that Churchill's "wilderness years" would finally recede and his essential strength of character and purpose would bring him fully into the center of the most desperate struggle for freedom from tyranny which the world has yet seen. His incandescent words still echo across the veil of years: "If we can stand up to [Hitler], all Europe may be free, and the life of the world may move into broad, sunlit uplands; but if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, and all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new dark age made more sinister, and perhaps more prolonged, by the lights of a perverted science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duty and so bear ourselves that if the British Commonwealth and Empire lasts for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'"

For many of us today, those dramatic war years are but pages in a history book. It is difficult to imagine how disruptive and dangerous that tormented world must have been, especially for the children of nearly every country in Europe and Asia. There was hardly a place on the globe left untouched from the daily terror of that world gone mad.

Then the nuclear age began for real in 1945. That singular event which ended the war in Japan must have been impossible for children to understand at the time, and how few could have anticipated that such a blast from this mysterious bomb would change the world forever. It would become the source of anguish and fear for an entire generation of the world's children.

As dark as those years of the Second World War were, it was one of the greatest collective efforts in the history of man that regained

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Reunion 97 – June 13, 14 and 15

Over 400 graduates, spouses, children and significant others converged on the Academy for a renewal of the friendships formed "in Byfield days." The Glee Club Concert and Saturday Banquet were, as usual, highlights of the weekend. Those who made it back had plenty of time for reviewing old haunts, marveling at new developments and comparing waistlines and hairlines, as the accompanying photographs attest.



Parade of Classes ("Alexander's Ragtime Band" or "Bang a Gong"?)



Front Row (left to right) Warren Lane, Donald Palais, John Healy, Donald Stockwell Second Row (left to right) Put Flint, Winston Dole, Phil Simpson, Irv Williamson Third Row (left to right) Robert Kelly, Tom Fenn, Stu Pomeroy, Harry Churchill, Derek Lagemann, Ben Pearson



The Governor First Row (left to right) Sam Gwynne, Norm Brown, Joe Welch, Jack Deering, Ben Pearson Second Row (left to right) Phil Hughes, Bob McGill, Leslie Richard, Plato Kangis, Jim Knott, Dan Hall Third Row (left to right) Charles Hartel, Henry Dunker, Hank Sanders, Jay Curtis, Bill Philbrick, Peter Sutton, Kevin Gaffney Fourth Row (left to right) Don Knowlton, Bob Peale, Ray Williamson Fifth Row (left to right) Andy Leighton, John Walker, Dana Mayo, Gorty Baldwin, Leland Wilson, Pat Patterson, Bill Bailly



First Row (left to right) Howard Quimby, Don Rice, Robert Smythe Second Row (left to right) Berry Gately, Frank Huntress, Dick Rothmund, Dirk Owens



The Reunion Glee Club - Assistant Headmaster Ed Young '73 (far left) takes a solo



First Row (left to right) Steve Blair, William McPhee, Ben Jameson Second Row (left to right) Tay Vaughan, Bob MacLaughlin, Tim McNally, Denis Golden



Ben '62, Sara '00 and Arthur '38 Jameson



Jack Deering '47 and Denis Golden '62



Art Sager conducting the Reunion Glee Club

First Row (left to right) Reid Pugh, Paul Hemmerich, Val Wilkie, Dan Morgan, Arthur Pearce Second Row (left to right) Mac Barnes, Chuck Davis, George Swift, Kevin Leary, Mike Miles, Ben Beach Third Row (left to right) Jeff Harris, Ray Huard, Andy Creed, Ross Magrane, Jim Millett

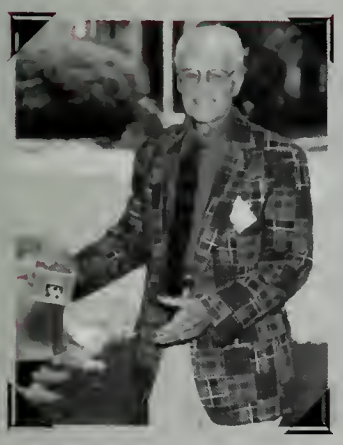


First Row (left to right) Bruce Rindler, Val Wilkie, Bill Frost, Brian Lenane, Tim Turner Second Row (left to right) Jon Davis, Geoff Durham, Bill Duryea, Paul Committo, Tom McDougall, Bob Billewicz, Kevin Kearney Third Row (left to right) Judd Crook, Bill Connolly, Richard Hackel, Dicken Crane, Chris Swenson, Hal Curtis, Peter Conway, Mark Hoffman, Jim Pierce, Jim Irving, Rob Bryan





Ned Beebe, Bob Hicks



Warren Lane '27 wins prize as 'most senior' alumnus



First Row (left to right) Mary Ann Lennon, Heather Blair, Carrie Borwick, Tim Richards, Eric Laub Second Row (left to right) Ted Babcock, Lee Wade, Katherine Tewksbury, Sara Barry Third Row (left to right) Chip Weickert, Virginia Hundley, David Bell, Mike Tulloch



'92ers Candice Denby and Amy Daniels



Start of Tot Trot



Chapman '82 and Dana '47 Mayo



First Row (left to right) Ted Larned, Nancy Wickwire, Heather Ryan, Martha Krauch, Chap Mayo Second Row (left to right) Brandon Clark, Ann McShea, Bob Low Third Row (left to right) Gus Henley-Cheshire, Mark Nichols, Jeff Leavitt



Chris Dobrielski '87 with just desserts after pie race



Corky Vickers '77 and Heather Vickers Ryan '82



First Row (left to right) Anne Taylor Kindblom, Andrew Rockwell, Paula McCarthy, Amy Mack, Amy Goldstein, John Roach, Jahanna Boutin, Diana Stram Second Row (left to right) Jim Andriotakis, Lucy Armstrong, Kip Brown, Rob DeLena, Jeff Katz, Karen Patton, Julie Donat Third Row (left to right) Chris McMorris, Jen Killion Lucas, Ann Blair Silvers, Alison Richard, Anita Russo Bartschat, Pam Chase Paradee, Kristen LaBrie, Mike Zraket Fourth Row (left to right) John Fosdick, Shawn Reeves, Josh Mackay-Smith, Dave Bonenko, Tom Jansen, Joe Danahy, Todd Crabtree, Bill Dumoulin, John Brennan, Jeff Ashworth, Tom Johnson



First Row (left to right) Nicole Bellaire, Erin Grogan, Deirdre Heersink, Grace Jeanes, Carolyn McInnis, Pam Kurtz, Brooke Whiting. Second Row (left to right) Joe Montminy, Josh Lappin, Jon Kazanjian, Amy Daniels, Candice Denby, Sally Simpkins, Erin Elwell Third Row (left to right) Jen Noon, Cassie Wickes, Matt Masinter, Toby Harris, Chris Ruggiero, Chris Nielsen Fourth Row (left to right) Pent Chapin, Ted Capeless, Sean Naughton, Devin Sullivan, Hoyt Morgan, Steve Scully Fifth Row (left to right) Chris Peabody, Patrick Gervais, Steve Peabody, Andre Sheffield

Remember the Ladies: Revolutionary Women Writers

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Thy Power, O Liberty, makes strong the weak
And (wond'rous instinct) Ethiopians speak
Sometimes by Simile, a victory's won
A certain lady had an only son
He grew up daily virtuous as he grew
Fearing his Strength which she undoubted knew
She laid some taxes on her darling son ...

On one level, this poem can be interpreted as the struggle of the tyranny of England over the goodness and innocence of America. Yet the poem asks to be read in terms of the simile which compares "Ethiopians," or American slaves, to the colonists. References in the poem to strength, force, the "iron chain" (a terrifying reality for slaves), and "the weak" necessarily imply that the colonists' requests of their mother country mirror the slaves' desires for liberty.

Wheatley also "speaks doubly" in her poem "To the King's Most Excellent Majesty" (1768).

Your subjects hope, dread Sire -
The crown upon your brows may flourish long,
And that your arm may in your God be Strong!
May your sceptre num'rous nations sway,
And all with love and readiness obey!
But how shall we the British king reward!
Rule thou in peace, our father, and our lord!
Midst the remembrance of thy favours past,
The meanest peasants most admire the last.
May George, belov'd by all the nations round,
Live with heav'ns choicest constant blessings crown'd?
Great God, direct, and guard him from on high,
And from his head let ev'ry evil fly!
And may each clime with equal gladness see
A monarch's smile can set his subjects free!

The "subjects" of this poem are the colonists. Slaves, however, are also any people under the power of others. The last line of the poem creates a somewhat ironic tone; the praise of George III in the earlier verses becomes tainted with the slight implication of criticism.

In 1774, Wheatley published one of her most scathing pieces, which in our world seems mild, but in pre-Revolutionary America, was a biting critique. In her letter to Samson Occom, she pointedly remarks that "the people crying for freedom end each day with tea poured by their own house slaves: How well the Cry for Liberty, and the reverse Disposition for the exercise of oppressive Power over others agree - I humbly think it does not require the Penetration of a Philosopher to determine" (Willard, 237). In addition to employing understatement, Wheatley uses images and metaphors of Christianity to publicly denounce slavery. In her poem "On Being Brought from Africa to America," she writes:

'Twas mercy brought me from my Pagan land,
Taught my benighted soul to understand
That there's a God, that there's a Saviour too:
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.
Some view our sable race with scornful eye,
"Their colour is a diabolic dye."
Remember, Christians, Negros, black as Cain,
May be refin'd, and join th' angelic train.

Wheatley merges the two traditionally opposing hues of angelic (white) and diabolic (black), quietly pointing out that all people are equal in the Christian God's eyes. Wheatley tempered her praise of her education in the Christian religion with her claim to equality in the afterlife. Critic Sondra O'Neale analyzes this poem in religious terms, and makes the interesting point that Cain indicates the "ultimate and egregious sin for which whites claimed the slaves must suffer" (O'Neale, 147). Wheatley "wages a subtle war" (O'Neale, 157) against slavery, all the while appropriating established literary avenues and conventions to do so. She wrote publicly, with the support of others, and achieved international acclaim. In her poems, she establishes herself as "a political subject" (Burke, 195), struggling both for literary recognition and for inclusion in revolutionary culture and post-revolutionary "freedoms." As Helen Burke points out, "Wheatley cleverly invokes the literary tradition to establish her poetic authority..." (Burke, 198). Wheatley utilizes tradition to establish her position as an author...

Our trip to the Massachusetts Historical Society brought us back to our graduate school days. The building is daunting with its large wooden doors, marble lobby and echoing silence. Once we became oriented with the card catalogue and procedures for accessing documents, we dove into manuscripts. It was so exciting to read the actual manuscripts of the Adams family and Hannah Adams. As we carefully paged through Hannah Adams' correspondences concerning the plagiarism controversy, we discovered that one of the key players, Elijah Parish, was the minister of the Byfield Congregational Church. GDA actually has a collection of his sermons in our archives. However, that was not the only connection to Byfield we would discover that day. When the head librarian read our application to use the society, he was excited by the nature of our grant work and offered his expertise. He also noticed "Governor Dummer Acad-

emy" on our applications and shared with us information about a portrait of Governor William Dummer that the society had just received from a family in California. Unfortunately, we were unable to see it at the time because it was being cleaned and preserved.

If an invidious comparison between the sexes is in any respect justifiable, it can not be grounded upon a defect of natural ability, but upon the different, and perhaps faulty mode of female education" (H. Adams, Memoir).

As writers of history, we especially admire Hannah Adams because she was a prolific and well-known historian. She is known as "the first American professional woman of letters" (Baym, 27) and the "first professional woman writer" (Vella, 21). Hannah Adams was born in 1755 in Medfield, Massachusetts. Though she was tutored in Latin, Greek, geography, and logic, she felt that her "ardent curiosity" for reading novels and poetry as a youth gave her romantic and false ideas about life (H. Adams, Memoir). Hannah Adams overcame many personal obstacles that led her to seek writing as a career. The death of her mother when she was ten years old and the subsequent remarriage of her father greatly affected her education. In 1804, when Hannah Adams was forty-nine years old, her father died and her half brother, John Wickliffe Adams, moved his family into the Adams' homestead, "effectively dislodging Hannah Adams. Thus deprived, she was forced to leave and fend for herself" (Vella, 38). Having never married and being unable to rely upon her half brother, Hannah Adams wrote histories for students in order to make a living. Despite these obstacles, Hannah achieved great success as a writer. Her literary accomplishments include an historical dictionary of religious sects, entitled *A View of Religions* (1789), which ran through four editions in London and Boston; *A Summary History of New England*, which caused a bitter controversy between publishers and other historians; and *A History of the Jews*, published in 1812. She used no pseudonym and her writings show her confidence and competence as an historian.

Before we embark on the controversy surrounding her *Summary History of New England*, we need to remark on Hannah Adams' outspokenness as a proponent of women's rights. She vociferously broke through the boundaries that made it unseemly for an unmarried woman to venture into the business world. In 1790, she petitioned Congress "for a general law to be passed which would secure to authors the exclusive right of their publication..."(H. Adams, Memoir), asking in a public forum for protection under a copyright law. She freely admits to partaking in a male dominated business: "Since the age and infirmities of my father have prevented his assisting me, as he formerly did, in selling and exchanging my books, I have been necessitated to exert myself in doing business which is not of the female line" (H. Adams, Memoir). She justified her "public" actions and determined that she was acting morally by seeking out publishers and subscribers for her work. "In order to reconcile myself to my fate, I have considered that which is morally right, and necessary to be done in the situation in which Providence has placed me, cannot be in itself improper.... If I can have the approbation of my own heart, and the esteem of a few friends whose good opinion I most highly prize, I can rise superior to the ridicule or censure of the world in general" (H. Adams, Memoir).

Furthermore, she recounts her difficulties of authorship in terms of gender, claiming that critics were more severe with female authors than with males:

The penalties and discouragements attending the profession of an author fall upon women with a double weight; to the curiosity of the idle and the envy of the malicious there affords a peculiar excitement; arraigned not merely as writers, but as women, their characters, their conduct, even their personal endearments become the objects of severe inquisition (H. Adams, Memoir).

Facing the stigma of being a public female figure, Adams quite clearly recognizes the double standard by which she is judged. The preface to her 1791 edition of *View of Religions* further demonstrates Adams' unorthodox views, which mirror those sentiments of the other five women of this study. She writes, "If an invidious comparison between the sexes is in any respect justifiable, it cannot be grounded upon a defect of natural ability, but upon the different, and perhaps faulty mode of female education" (H. Adams, Memoir). Her self-effacing claim that she turned to writing because she had "no talent for fine needlework and was too feeble to teach" (H. Adams, Memoir) must be taken lightly, as she defines herself as a writer. As we will see in the controversy surrounding her history, she used the legal system to keep her identity as an author and the proceeds from her writing.

In 1799, Adams began working on a history text which she hoped would be used in the schools (Vella, 27). *The Summary History of New England*, published in 1804, is a thorough, complete history which is nationalistic in its emphasis of the colonists and the Revolution. This

text was the first synthesis of the regional New England histories (Baym, 36), and demonstrated Adams' propensity for research and her abilities as an historian. While Adams was abridging her history, she discovered that two ministers, Jedidiah Morse and Elijah Parish, were also publishing a history of New England. It became apparent to both Adams and to William Emerson, who reviewed the two texts, that much of Morse and Parish's text was taken from Hannah Adams' book (Vella, 29). After seeking reassurance from the publisher that her work would be protected, Adams found that Morse's version of her history was successfully published by the same man who had assured her otherwise. Morse's text was used as the principle history text at Phillips Andover Academy (H. Adams, Memoir). She sought assistance from three judicial referees, who discretely agreed that her work had been plagiarized, but offered no explicit definition of compensation. They decreed that "amicable overtures were due Miss Adams, for satisfying her undefined claims," (H. Adams letters, Massachusetts Historical Society), which was a remarkably ambiguous decree even when few laws protected authors. "The ambiguity of the Referees' decision reflects the legal difficulties posed by a woman author transgressing boundaries not only of genre and theology, but gender as well" (Vella, 35). Hiring a lawyer and seeking legal action was unusual for a woman of Adams' time. It is important to recognize her extraordinary actions, considering that female authors had no legal rights in the early 19th century.

After the judgment was handed down, Morse and Adams corresponded for ten years, arguing about the judges' unclear terminology. These letters are fascinating; Morse defends himself in a patronizing tone, imperiously claiming through his insistence in addressing her legal council that women should not be writing at all. His letters are so vindictive that some historians have labeled him paranoid (Vella, 38). In contrast, Adams relies upon the stereotype of the demure and helpless female in her letters to Morse and her legal council and patron, Stephen Higginson. Her escape into the identity of a frightened and feeble woman is overt. However, by bringing Morse into a public defense of his own history, Adams crossed several boundaries: that of authorship, that of professional writer, and that of public discourse. Morse refused to acknowledge any of these acts of courage, and in the end, Adams received no monetary compensation for her stolen history. Though her successes were not fully realized in her lifetime, we admire Hannah Adams for her intellectual accomplishments and for her challenges of unfair publishing practices....

All of the women we studied defied the traditional role of women during the 17th and 18th centuries in America. Although some of them, like Anne Bradstreet, did not purposefully set a precedent for women, their published works allowed future generations of women to contribute to public discourse and participate in politically motivated movements in the 19th century. These women modeled the belief that moral woman should express political opinions in order to better American society. Women's participation in the Abolitionist, Temperance and Women's Movements of the early and mid 19th century followed their predecessors' examples. Many women of the revolutionary period were politically active and thus influenced the future women's movements. We feel inspired by these women's intellects and literary pursuits during a period in which women writers were an anomaly. We appreciate their risky behavior. We admire their willingness to expand the boundaries surrounding them.

As we reflect upon our work over these past two months, we realize that we have different approaches to research and writing, but similar feelings about its effect upon us as teachers. We tacitly assumed that women played an integral role in history, that our research, though academic, had personal significance as well. We were reminded that examining primary documents, visiting home sites and using our imaginations made history real. We will stress to our students in our own classrooms that education is a lifelong process that comes in many shapes and forms.

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Kristen Vogel and Jeanette Sedgwick. Sarah Kate Vogel was delivered into this world 17 hours after her mother and Sedgwick finished the article!

Commencement Address

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assemble at the time. Anyway, one thing this grad said stuck and so today I pass along this GDA wisdom: "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

You have basic beliefs and values by this time in your life to keep you on course as you search. I'm sure that GDA's motto "*non sibi sed aliis*" - "not for self but for others" - is one core value you will be taking with you from here.

(Being the first secondary boarding school, GDA had first choice on mottoes so we got a good one.)

You will go a long way toward fulfillment if you live that core value of service - of giving rather than taking, regardless of what you are involved with - whether you're on a hot track or searching to find it, whether it's in connection with a monumental under-taking or some small act of kindness, whether it impacts an entire community or one person, you will leave things better for your having been there.

So, expect some tough times in the future. Tougher than you have ever known or can imagine. History tells us you will be unique if this is not the case. But do not allow yourself to be sidetracked by such events - and you won't be if you rely on the basic values taught to you by your parents and this school.

Now, I can't leave you without passing on one more thought that I wish I'd known in 1967. That is that one of the biggest gifts this school has given the Class of '97 is the Class of '97.

You have shared a common experience these past years. It has not always been easy. You have had some significant successes. You came together this year and surprised skeptics with your leadership and willingness to take on difficult matters directly. You have grown up together during your stay here and you have a bond that will endure. Some of your closest friends in your life will have been made here. Friendships like these are to be cherished.

My advice to you is to make an effort to stay close to each other. It does take some effort, sometimes more than a little, to track each other down. Write, call, e-mail; continue to share your life experiences with each other. You will be surprised to see how members of your class change but remain the same over time.

You are the Great Class of '97 and you must commit to each other to maintain and strengthen your ties in the years to come.

For the past four years, I've enjoyed the times I've spent with you. You have given me a lot of happy memories. I have seen many of you put yourselves on the line - on the athletic field, in the classroom, on the stage. In closing, I'd like to return the favor.

When I graduated in '67, tradition had it the same as today that the senior class would parade around the milestone, gather as a class briefly and, when all assembled, take a leap over the wall into the future. One thing different, however, was that as we filed by the Milestone in '67, tradition had it that we sang the Senior Song.

So in conclusion, I give this song with the understanding that the talent is not to the standards set in Thompson Auditorium but that from the heart it's dedicated to the Class of '97.

"Without Us, Who?

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the torch of freedom which the Axis powers so nearly extinguished in a misguided aim of world dominance. During our history as a nation, there have been many examples where, with the right leadership and moral cause, we have mobilized the resources at our disposal to achieve the unimaginable.

Those of us who were students since Winston Churchill mobilized the English language during those war years have lived through a remarkable era. Time seems to compress the older we get, but in those 60 years, the world has become a very much more complex place. Technology in every sense of the word has dramatically altered our way of life, and there is no time to reflect because change is incessant. We have lived so well in this country, however, that we have become complacent and lazy in our desire to achieve as a nation. In the area of education particularly, statistical evidence abounds comparing the U.S. to other developed countries, and the results are not good.

Our own public educational system seems to be mired in a morass of bureaucracy fostered by school boards and teachers' unions. Indeed, our political system itself must be questioned when the likes of Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich are elected the leaders in the most powerful nation in the world. We seem to have no national goals today as we once had, for example, with our intensely focused effort to land a man on the moon. Could the U.S. muster the political will, get out from under the incredible and distracting focus on "political correctness" as an all-consuming directive, and regain its once-great sense of destiny with a clear set of goals for our future? One might justifiably wonder if the American people are even hungry enough to support any national imperative such as we had with our historic Apollo program.

Schools can play their part in this redirection of national priorities, even if our leaders seem incapable of it. We must prepare our children for the challenge ahead of them by holding to the highest standards of academic achievement. This means having high expectations for teachers and children in everything they do. Demanding their best in the classroom and in the arts, on the playing field, and in their work at home should be the mission of every school, and we will only see the results if this becomes a national imperative. No more excuses. Just set the standards and *expect* every child to work toward the desired results.

Arthur G. Powell writes in his book *Lessons from Privilege*, "Schools are virtually the last democratic line of defense against negative forces that lavish enormous funds on inculcating anti-educational values in youth. The central job of schools is to emancipate the young not just from ignorance but from a sterile pop culture of mental passivity. Because anti-educational pressures are deep and insistent, schools must be especially purposeful. They must consistently stand for - model daily - the power of knowledge and thoughtfulness."

The schools we will require as this incredible century comes to a close will differ greatly from those we have attended over the last 60 years. The demands on everyone - headmasters, teachers, trustees, students and parents-will increase as the curricula intensifies, the impact of technology expands, and new cooperative learning techniques evolve from the more traditional teacher-as-lecturer class format. Our society is beginning to realize that *something* must change in

our educational system for this country to regain its singular drive and ambition.

This century was without doubt the "American Century." The prior century was England's, and look how fast their empire has fallen away. If the next century becomes China's time, how will the United States write its pages in the history book? We have the means to change our direction, but more importantly, we must have the will - the collective will which America has shown itself capable of when called on as it was in the Second World War. As Winston Churchill said in a different time, "Without us, who? If not now, when?"

Leavitt

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We teachers forget, I suspect, that our lives intersect yours, too. So, it is particularly gratifying to be appreciated in the way you have chosen.

I have often held that it takes the appreciation or the success of but one student each June to spiritually bankroll a return to teaching the following September. Now, because of your kindness which I take as an appreciation of all your teachers – my colleagues – I suppose I shall have to commit to more than one more "next September."

With my sincerest gratitude and fondest wishes for your future.
Yours,
Richard N. Leavitt

Letters

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mate and friend around. Many times we would sit and reminisce about our days at school and the friends we had known there.

I don't think that Henry's name is listed on any of the boards listing athletic records. But I know it is on a pew that he made possible in the chapel, and maybe that is more fitting.

Best regards,
John J. "Spider" Bell '38

Sunday, May 11, 1997

To all my friends who knew Henry Faurot,

Henry died early yesterday morning. The sun was just coming up.

Being one who has been living nearby to Henry during his last days, I am writing this letter to those of you who knew him.

I first met Henry when he came to Governor Dummer. He made friends quickly and grew to be happy there, and to be proud of his new school. He became one of the most liked members of the school community. He was a booster of every team that took the field, so much so that he asked the headmaster, Ted Eames, if he could be a cheerleader. Mr. Eames said that sounded good to him, and that at the next evening meeting preceding the football game he could lead some of the cheers. That evening meeting came and Mr. Eames announced to the assembled students that Henry Faurot would lead a cheer for the team that was to engage some traditional foe on the football field the next day.

Cheerleaders would call for a cheer, and then with their right hand signal a slow cadence while yelling the words, "Hip...Hip." Henry called for the cheer and then raising his arm and hand yelled out, not slowly, but quickly, *very* quickly, "HipHip." Instead of a cheer he heard a roar of laughter. He went on to become a successful and popular cheerleader, but he also went on for the remainder of his life to be known to many as, "Hip Hip."

He graduated from Governor Dummer, and his father, who was head of the family felt business in Chicago, sent him as an apprentice to a woolen mill in Passaic, New Jersey. He lived in a rather dark and dreary apartment. I was 15 miles away in Englewood, and living with my parents while attending business school. On many weekends, I would drive to Passaic to pick Henry up to take him back to Englewood where we would spend the weekend having good times. My parents were always glad to have him stay, and he became as close as if he were a member of the family. My mother always claimed he had the best of manners, and that he was a perfect gentleman. He not only impressed my mother with his charm and graciousness, but scores of other females, not only then but until the end of his days.

But it wasn't just the women who found Henry so attractive. He was popular with all those he met. He impressed all with his charm, wit, good humor and generosity. He had countless friends. I doubt that he ever made an enemy.

He was not only loyal to his friends and his school, but also to his country when as a member of a bomber crew he flew in a B-24 Liberator in the Southwest Pacific. And it was there on a dark night in 1943, on an airstrip near Port Moresby, New Guinea, that as he trudged along the edge of the field, he was challenged by the call of "Who goes there?" It had come from a sentry at an anti-aircraft gun site. The sentry was Bill Cochran '39, a former schoolmate at Governor Dummer. The answer from the darkness came back, "Sergeant Henry Faurot." Without pause, the incredulous Cochran yelled back the question, "Hip Hip?"

I was also in that anti-aircraft outfit, and the following night we all sat down reminiscing around a bottle of Dutch gin. The war was forgotten.

After the war, he would journey east from Chicago to visit and attend reunions and parties of old friends. He was an usher in the weddings of his school and wartime friends, Cochran and Bell.

Years passed, and I was lucky when I retired to go south to resume our close friendship in Vero Beach.

Henry had been diagnosed several years ago as having lung cancer. He gave up smoking and the doctors put him on chemotherapy. The things they did seemed to bring about a time when they could say that his cancer was in remission. But that was not to be. Many times those of us who saw him would think his days were numbered, but he would surprise us all by rallying and perhaps picking up a golf club and going out to hit a few balls. Never once did he bemoan his condition. He was always cheerful, and ignored the problem as if it were an insult not to be given recognition.

I saw him only hours before he died. Although he seemed to be comatose, and I knew he had recently lost his hearing, I said his name...not "Henry"...but "Hip Hip." As I patted his shoulder, he seemed to move as if in awareness he had heard me or sensed my presence. I will always hope so.

I am sure going to miss him. But I know I will not be alone...so will many others.
Spider

Milestones

Marriages

Edward Stitt '42 and Joy Towne, August 16, 1997.

Sarge Kennedy '81 and Deb Smith, September 13, 1997.

Jon Shain '85 and Maria Bilinski, August 9, 1997.

Births

Born to Julie and **Stanley Greenberg '67**, a son, Noah; July 2, 1997

Born to Holly and **Ned Lattime '69**, a daughter, Sarah Lian; March 18, 1996.

Born to Sheila and **Edward Young '73**, a daughter, Aaliyah Aurelia; December 24, 1996.

Born to Mary and **William (Chip) Weickert '77**, a daughter, Lauren Shaw; August 18, 1997.

Born to Karen and **Geoffrey Gwynne '78**, twin sons, John Carter and Jacob Samuel; December 18, 1996.

Born to Christopher and **Erica (Baum) Goode '80**, a son, Davis Christopher; April 14, 1997.

Born to Lisa and **John Cole '81**, a daughter, Jessica Catherine; August 11, 1997.

Born to Michele and **Derrick Perkins '82**, a son, Derrick, Jr.; June 14, 1997.

Born to Dawn and **John Egan '82**, a daughter, Claire MacPhaol; December 23, 1996.

Born to Michael and **Mary Gail (Adams) Fessenden '83**, a son, Bradford Alden; July 2, 1997.

Born to Gill and **Kathie (Lambert) Watt '84**, a son, Charles Lambert Watt; March 19, 1997.

Born to Alan and **Elizabeth (Kimball) Williams '84**, a son, Lawrence; July, 1997.

Born to Deborah and **David Adams '88**, a daughter, Muriel Emery; August 19, 1997.

Born to Rick and **Deana (Giamette) Boyages '88**, a daughter, Alexis Domenica; October 18, 1996.

Born to Steve and **Lisa (Sweeney) Ryan '88**, a daughter, Madison Leah; January 31, 1997.

Deaths

Wyatt H. 'Dutch' Albertson, class of 1924, died June 18, after suffering a heart attack the previous day. At the time of his death, Albertson lived in Sebago Estates, Maine. Born at Jamaica Plain in Boston to Ralph and Hazel Hammond Albertson, he moved at age three with his family to a farm in West Newbury. After distinguishing himself in football and hockey at the Academy, Albertson went on to New York University. He married the former Sara Chilloa Collins in 1930. They recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Albertson worked first for Shell Oil and then for Ford Motor Company, rising to national service manager. In 1950, he moved to Maine where he owned and operated a Ford dealership in Bath. In 1995, he embarked on new career as a lobsterman. His wife had originally come from Maine, and he learned the vocation from her family. He retired from fishing in 1992 at the age of 84. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Rotarian. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Richard C. Albertson of Dearborn, MI; two daughters, Fay A. Wells of Sebasco Estates, ME, and Joanne A. Anthony of Boothbay, ME; a sister, Jean Berkenbush of West Newbury, MA; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

John E. Cunningham, class of 1931, died on June 16.

Augustine B. Conant, Jr., class of 1932, died April 26 at the Deaconess Glover Hospital in Needham of cardiac arrest. He was born in Brookline, MA, on March 12, 1912, to Augustine B. and Gwendolyn (Holder) Conant. Conant graduated from Middlesex School and then the Academy before entering Wesleyan University. At the Academy, he participated on the golf squad, the fencing squad, the Glee Club and the Commencement Committee. During WWII, he served in the United States Army with the 762nd Field Artillery Battalion as a T/Sergeant. Prior to his retirement, he was a sales representative for infant wear clothing. His wife, Mary (Ireland) Conant died in 1992. He is survived by two sons, A. Bradford Conant, III '60 of Wayland and Stuart Veghte Conant of Manchester; two sisters, Anne Conant Weaver of Reno, NV, and Susan Conant Holden of Rockport; and two brothers, Richard Davis Conant of Kittery, ME, and Brewster Conant of Acton.

Terry Staples, class of 1932, died April 22. At the Academy, Terry captained the 1932 wrestling team and won the Morse Flag. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Jupiter, FL, and Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

James B. McGuire, class of 1934, died June 25 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, of massive heart failure. McGuire was a graduate of Brown University, and received a doctorate from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he taught English at the Classic High School, Brown University, and Springfield College, retiring from the latter in 1979 after 19 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Gloria M. (Arsove) McGuire of Wilbraham; a son, Brian G. McGuire of Washington, DC; a daughter, Breffni McGuire of Somerville; a sister, Margaret Stanton of Ossining, NY; and two grandchildren.

Edward B. Hastings, class of 1937, died May 3 of cancer at the Vitas Innovative Hospice Care in Riverside, CA. At the Academy, he captained the wrestling team and was also a member of the

Glee Club and the football, track and lacrosse squads. He worked in sales with the National Automobile Association in San Diego and also land title and real estate sales in San Diego and Lake Shastina, CA, retiring in 1981. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Paulette J. Hastings; a son, Edward B. Hastings, Jr. of Houston, TX; a daughter, Rebecca Smith of Oroville, CA; two stepdaughters, Linda Cohen of Palo Alto, CA, and Lois Christensen of El Cajon, CA; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Wendell Hastings of Washington, DC.

Ralph H. Bean, class of 1938, died May 10 at his home in New London, NH. He was born in Lowell, MA, to Harvey and Lotta Bean. At the Academy, Bean played football, hockey and cross country and was a member of the Glee Club. He attended Nichols College before joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941. He saw combat in the Pacific campaign with the Fifth Division. He was predeceased by his wife, Grace (Hughes) Bean. He is survived by a son, David K. Bean, and a grandson, Daniel Alexander Bean, Jr.

Henry Faurot III, class of 1938, died May 10 at his home in Vero Beach, FL. He was born in Chicago, IL. At the Academy, he was active on *The Archon* Board, the wrestling squad, and the golf squad. During WWII, he served in the Fifth Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater, receiving the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart. He retired as chief executive officer of The Western Felt Works, having worked there for 30 years. Survivors include his son, Bruce Faurot of Atlanta, GA; granddaughters Maria and Anna Carr Faurot; and a sister, Alys Faurot Cort of Philadelphia, PA. *Please see correspondence from John J. "Spider" Bell '38.*

Peter B. Smith, class of 1950, died July 16 at his home in Southampton Township, NJ. At the Academy, Smith was a four year member of the Rifle Club and also active in the Camera Club, the Tennis Squad and *The Archon*. He attended Bowdoin. He was employed for 35 years in management in the commercial parking industry before becoming an information systems specialist with the National Association of Hispanic Elderly. He was active with the Rotary Club of Camden, NJ, serving as president from 1987 to 1988. He ultimately became a Paul Harris Fellow, the Rotary's highest award. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. N. Brooke Smith of Brunswick, NJ; two daughters, J. Brooke Rosenbach of Mt. Laurel, NJ, and Holly Brooke Smith of Baltimore, MD; a son, Thomas Brooke Smith of Stockton, CA: a brother, Michael N. Smith of Southbury, CT; a sister, Mrs. Thomas F. Parnell of Brunswick, NJ; and two grandchildren.

John G. Salinger, class of 1952, died July 7 in Spear Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, NH. At the Academy, Salinger was active on the Smoking Room Committee, the Senior Council, the football squad and the hockey team. He went on to attend Newton Junior College and Colby College. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He worked for many years for the Mason-Neeland Company in Needham, and for the Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton Center. He is survived by a sister, Mary L. Uhlman of Merrimack, NH.

Arthur W. Cushman, class of 1958, died August 7 at his home on Peak's Island, ME. A four year member of the golf squad at the Academy, Cushman attended Bowdoin before graduating from the University of Southern Maine in 1967. He was also a graduate of the Chicago Institute of Baking. He worked at the Cushman Baking Company in Portland, ME. Among many interests, Cushman was a Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League and an avid hunter and fisherman. He also compiled an extensive stamp collection. He is survived by his mother, Jeanette D. Walter Cushman of South Portland, ME; and a niece and three nephews.

Stephen W. Blair, class of 1962, died August 28 when his twin-engine airplane crashed in the Berkshires in Hancock. He captained the varsity hockey team and led the Meistersingers in his senior year at the Academy. After receiving a bachelor's degree in music from Lawrence University and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory, Blair returned to the Academy to teach music and to coach football, hockey and lacrosse. He served for ten years before switching careers, joining Drexel Burnham Lambert as a stockbroker before directing their mutual fund marketing effort. At the time of his death, he was employed by John Hancock Funds Inc., as Director of Sales responsible for the distribution and support of John Hancock's mutual funds and other retail investments. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Beldo) Blair; a daughter, Ann Blair Silvers '87 of Mesa, AZ; a son, Clark Blair, of Boston; his father, George Blair of Andover, NH; and a brother, Geoffrey Blair.

Dana A. Fisher, class of 1971, died on April 23.

Joseph A. Wiseman, class of 1972, died suddenly June 13 at his home in McLean, VA. At the time of his death, Wiseman worked as an attorney for International Health Organizations, Inc. After the Academy, he graduated from Kenyon College. He received a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a master's degree in public health sciences from Johns Hopkins University. He is survived by his mother, Judith Wiseman; his sister, Susan; four cousins; an aunt; a niece; and a nephew.

Class Notes

PRE-'39

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In the last few months I have received a lot of good news from our pre-'39 group. However, the mail has also brought more sad news than usual. I have recently received notices of the deaths of Rodman Gearhart '29, John Cunningham '31 and James Connolly '34. We will miss them all. ▼ In recent class letters I have mentioned the renewal of train service to Newburyport, and it is due to start in the fall of 1998. One unsolved question was the fate of the B&M Railroad. John English '28 has written to tell me that the line did go bankrupt, and the Guilford Industries of Connecticut have purchased their rights to transport freight. John suspects that there may be a few old freight cars with the B&M logo still in service. Have any of you been lucky enough to see one? ▼ John Barrows '37 sent me a note saying that only six members of his class made it to the Reunion in June. This amounts to about 21% of the members of that class who are still listed as active. I hope that the Class of '38 will have a larger attendance at our 60th Reunion next June. John came from Florida and all the other attendees were from New England. ▼ Warren Lane '27 was the senior alumnus to attend the Reunion last June. It was officially his 70th and it was the second year in a row he has been the senior man in attendance. Hope to see him next year when my Class of '38 has its 60th get together. ▼ In his last letter, Russ Hamilton '27 reminisced about Jim Sleeper who was the handy man supreme, and one man transportation system for the Academy during those years. Do any of you remember Mr. Sleeper? There are bits of history that are rapidly being lost. By the time I enrolled, Fuzzy Babineau had been installed as driver of the Academy station wagon that provided a very drafty ride every morning for the day boys from Amesbury and Newburyport. In his letter, Russ used the designation South Byfield. I haven't heard that term used for years. Do any of you know something about the use of that name for the area around GDA? ▼ In a recent letter, Frank Kitchell '35 mentioned that seven members of his family have attended GDA. I wonder if this is a record? I have three cousins who attended our Academy and there are family rumors that an uncle also attended before WWI. However, I have been unable to verify that through Academy or family records. I would like to hear from those of you who have had numerous relatives attend our school. ▼ For the last year, Bill Earnshaw '36 has been a diagnostic problem for his doctors. First he had a blocked heart valve and that was followed be a staph infection. All is well now. ▼ Last summer Art Strenge '37 broke his right hip, and his recovery was slow. However, he is now walking without a walker or a cane. ▼ After WWII, Dick Brown '38 returned to Sioux Falls, SD, and entered the family business. They distributed wholesale drugs to hospitals and pharmacies in the upper midwest. In 1983 he sold the business as all of his family had careers in other fields and did not wish to carry on. Last spring he visited GDA for the first time since graduation, and was amazed at the changes in the Academy. He hopes to make his first class Reunion next year. ▼ In reply to some earlier class notes, Jim Gardiner '23 told me that he is still working and at present he is a Pension Actuary with the New York State Pension Department. In this job he supervises the actuarial review of eight state pension systems and works to ensure that both the pensioners and the taxpayers get their money's worth. In June of 1997 he was given the Robert J. Meyers Public Service Award. This is the actuarial profession's highest award for public service and is given by the American Academy of Actuaries. ▼ Nels Corey '35 was recently inducted into the Maine Hall of Fame.

'39

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Although only a few miles separate us during the summer months, I had not met up with Tom Parker in Northfield, MA, until recently. However, Alice and I made connections with him and his wife early in September. He is now in good shape although, due to some problems, he has not played golf since last year. They are cutting their stay short and returning to their home in Sarasota, FL, a month early. Have any of you golf enthusiasts heard of the Whistler golf club? It's a rare bird and Tom has one of the few remaining. It actually whistles when swung although he didn't say in which direction the ball went. ▼ Hank Payson has recently seen John Klotz. He didn't say where and under what circumstances. We can only imagine. He has also been in contact with Mike Moonves, whom if you old timers haven't met, you should because he's your entré to a great time at GDA. Hank drove by the Academy recently and concurs with my thoughts that the tremendous change on the campus is something to behold. ▼ John Koslowski bemoans the fact that he finds it difficult to enjoy golf due to some infirmities of old age which seems to be the lot of most of us. He has recently had contact with Matty Hannon who also has had some medical problems. He correctly states the golden years have lost some of their luster. ▼ Jack Dunlap seems to think that many parts of him have gone awry. However, in the same breath, he is going to the Balsams in the White Mountains for a stay and then to Fort Myers, FL, for two months this winter. He has also been organist at his church on occasion this summer. In his idle moments he fiddles with his computer. For a guy who thinks his busy days have past, we think his lifestyle is pretty full. ▼ It always amazes me what some of you do in retirement. Tom Killough says he's been involved with harness racing for several years and at the present time has three horses. This form of entertainment has been a goal of his since a wee lad of 14. Although he didn't dwell too much on the financial aspects we gather there's been more out go than income. ▼ On the road again! That's John Klotz who has recently been in Palo Alto, CA, playing tennis with some heavy hitters at Stanford. For a diversion he spent three weeks fishing in Eustis, ME, although he claims the results were not up to expectations. On to Florida this fall and then Hawaii in November. In between he plans to sandwich in the GDA reception in Philly, October 22. For an old codger he certainly spreads his wings. ▼ Tom Tenney is also on the move as he will be in London this fall, then on to Madrid and the Ryder Cup which hopefully will stimulate his golf game as he is threatening to give away his clubs. To show you how desperate he is he has offered them to me, someone who hasn't played a round since the fall of '39. ▼ Once again, Sue and Phil Simpson joined us in June for our 58th Reunion. Although Phil and I were the only representatives from the Class of '39, we made our presence

known as we participated in just about every function available except the pie race. Although I was game, Phil felt the competition was not up to his standard. We both warbled in the Alumni Glee Club concert although I sensed Phil was two stanzas behind everyone else most of the time. The Old Guard, of which all '39ers are now members, were held in high regard and kept up with the younger classes in the libation, dining and dancing categories. Next June's reunion will be a great training session for our 60th in 1999. You all come, ya hear!

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Neal Cox: "Still active in Rotary. Attended international conference in Glascow, Scotland, after touring the U.K. for about three weeks last June. Just returned from a 4,000-mile 'ride' – driving to Washington, DC, North Carolina, Little Rock, AR, Chicago, etc., to visit children. ▼ Andrew Little: "The Littles have recently returned from an Elderhostel atop Mt. Greylock in Massachusetts. This summer we went to all of the operas at Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown." ▼ Jim Monroe: "Traveling quite a bit – son and family living in Italy for a year, daughter and family 'permanently' in Australia, other two in southeast U.S.A. and we typically spend two to three months in Palm Desert, CA. Still have time to enjoy activities in hometown of Cincinnati/Covington, KY. Retirement has its benefits." ▼ Paul Morgan: "Nancy and I have now been married for 50 years – enjoying great health and happiness. Son Daniel (GDA '67) is President of the GDA Board of Trustees. Granddaughter Mayo graduated from GDA class of 1997. Dan's oldest daughter." ▼ Vaughan Pitman is 75 and leading a very active life along with his wife of 50 years, Dot. They are very active in community and state affairs. Vaughan is treasurer of four organizations and has been a conservation commissioner for 20 years. He and Dot do a lot of camping in their motorhome, are nordic skiers and are active bikers. They have five grown children and eight grandchildren. All are living in New Hampshire except for a daughter who lives in Colorado and is one of the top mountain runners and snow-shoe racers in the west. Vaughan says hi to old friend Bob Hoffman in California whom he used to play golf with at the Olde Newbury Golf Course 56 years ago. ▼ Samuel Robbins: "Our White Mountain painting collection which we exhibited at GDA in 1990 has been on a national tour since then. Fourteen museums and about 50,000 viewers later, the collection has finally come home."

'42

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Our 55th Reunion in celebration of our long-ago graduation on the lawn in front of Parsons Schoolhouse in June 1942 was held at the school this spring. Eight of the class came back: Mary and Bill Hill, Barbara and Steve Houtz, Barbara and Tom Fenn, Derek Lagemann, Humphrey Simson, Wynn Dole, Theresa and Bob Kelly, and Cornelia and Stu Pomeroy. ▼ Ted Stitt, whose attendance at our 50th was canceled due to a death in the family at that time, presented us with another round of "where's Ted?" by not showing up this year. The reason was certainly valid: Ted was hospitalized having brain surgery while we were enjoying the weekend in Byfield. All turned out well. I called a few days later to find out how he was doing. To my amazement, he answered the phone at home. Apparently, the hospitals are serious about getting patients out in a real hurry. He sounded great, promised he will be at our 60th, and a subsequent card contained a brief post script: "Operation has been pronounced successful." Great news. On top of all this, he and Joy Towne, who would have been with him at Reunion, were married in August. Ted had retired earlier this year from his work in Florida, sold his condo and he and Joy are now settled in South Effingham, NH. Talk about a busy year! ▼ Well, back to the Reunion: The couple that traveled the longest distance was Barbara and Steve Houtz, from San Diego. This was Steve's first trip back to GDA since our graduation. Steve recalled that he had left Massachusetts the day before the Blizzard of '78, and when he saw the headlines in the papers on the West Coast, he decided never to go back to New England and all that snow. Much of his working days have been in the communications sector, from which he has retired. He is now in public transportation in what he calls a "time-filling activity" which he is enjoying. He and Barbara flew into Boston early enough to see some of the old sites where he had lived in Beverly before driving up to GDA for our



Bob Kelly and Tom Fenn, Class of 1942, enjoying Saturday evening on the terrace before their 55th Reunion

weekend. At school he had lived in Peirce, which, it turned out, is where we were all housed for Reunion. ▼ Barbara and Tom Fenn come in a close second for traveling the longest way. They drove in their RV from Green Valley, AZ, with their car in tow. Tom has been back to GDA fairly often, including last year. He owned the Chrysler-Plymouth dealership in Newburyport for many years, with Governor Dummer as one of his good accounts. They moved west on his retirement back in the '80s, and travel long distances in their large mobile home...as we can see. ▼ Possibly there should be some sort of recognition for the person who traveled the shortest distance, in which case it will go hands-down to Wynn Dole, who made it over from nearby Merrimac. Wynn was on hand for all of the events of the weekend, and came with a raft of amusing (and not a few hilarious) stories. It was one (and perhaps the only) benefit of having a fairly small group back, in that we had more time to sit over coffee or meals and talk with one another. ▼ Humphrey Simson came up on Saturday morning from Portsmouth where he and his wife Rosalie are retired. "Hump," as I recall from school days, went on to Williams College and spent his working years in investments of a commercial nature. His relaxation came from sailing, and he was active in this arena in the Bermuda and other long-distance races. He had lived in Connecticut before retiring to Portsmouth, RI. ▼ Mary and Bill Hill came down from their favorite spot in

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Phippsburg, ME, and were on hand for Friday evening's and Saturday morning's activities. They had to leave early in the afternoon that day, but this turned out to be a stroke of luck for me, in as much as I had left my sport jacket at home (another senior moment!). Fortunately our sizes are close enough so that I spent the entire Saturday night formal dinner activities without anyone even noticing! Thanks, Bill, for this rescue effort! Bill's brother Bob (also a GDA graduate) showed up unexpectedly, which was a nice surprise for Bill and Mary. ▼ Too bad we didn't have a piano in our dormitory. If we had, we could have coaxed Derek Lagemann into playing for a singing group, as he had at our 50th at Amherst. ▼ Bob Harris phoned me just before Reunion Weekend to say he was sorry that he would not be able to get back for our 55th. Bob has been a loyal and steady returnee to reunions, so we missed having him on hand. He's fine and still working on new orders for yachts and other types of boats. He is, of course, still living and working in Vancouver, British Columbia. ▼ I also had a nice note from Bill MacMillan saying he was sorry he would not be able to get back. Bill is still living in Tuscaloosa, AL, from October through May, then heads north to escape the intense summer heat of the south, enjoying the coolness of Burlington, VT. He wanted to be remembered to all of us. ▼ A new printout of our class was mailed to me this summer, and from it I gleaned a few interesting facts: Nine of us are still working, which leaves 24 who are now retired and hopefully enjoying their leisure time. From my own standpoint, I wish I had discovered this 30 years ago. However, a few obstacles like kids, college tuitions and eating blocked the way to that. There are 33 of us left in the original class of 53 members, with 19 deceased and one classmate who has been listed among the missing for some years. ▼ One final note on Reunion: Saturday morning's Alumni Glee Club under Art Sager's professional directorship with Ben Stone at the piano was truly a memorable occasion. And Arthur and Ben: if you are reading this, the standing ovation you received carried with it a great deal of love and admiration from years of former students who sat in wonder and listened with sheer joy to the lusty voices at your commands.

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With a quick check, it looks like there are 44 members of the Class still with us. Of those, about 15 do not list themselves as retired. I can only assume that they work for themselves therefore can't be fired. From the mailings from the school, it seems that there is much going on there. We should try to go back and see the new Library and Mathematics/Science Center and attempt to find Uncle Tom's Cabin. We got two new replies to the cards (out of 44). ▼ Al Weisberg is busy, busy in many facets of the precious metals industry from Providence to Korea to Chile - the country, not the restaurant. He claims to be trying to slow down, but without noticeable success. ▼ Bill Wiswall is still a kiddie doc in Peabody and finally giving up downhilling, a sign of rare good sense. ▼ Our other M.D., Phil Sawyer, continues in the surgery business. ▼ Walt McGill checked on Dick Haas and Bob Wood, who splits his time between Vermont and Florida. ▼ The Brewsters sail and/or travel as much as possible and count themselves lucky to get out of bed each morning. The report on the rest of you will be relayed when it shows up here. Please.



"Big Red" Alumni of '47 are also "Big Green" Alumni of '51: GDA and Dartmouth classmates Hank Sanders, Joe Welch, Peter Hill, Bob McGill, and Les Richard celebrate their 50th Reunion in Byfield, June 14, 1997

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From Jim Waugh: "Am still teaching four senior English electives and coaching baseball at Groton School (our best game was a 2-0 win over our alma mater on Navins Field. Unfortunately, Buster was not in attendance.). Try to keep in some sort of shape by pitching (sic) batting practice and walking two adopted greyhounds." ▼ And as a footnote. I had a transient ischemic accident (read temporary mini-stroke) called a TIA three weeks ago. Today I was back on the golf course. Seems there are no serious after effects. A warning?

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▼ Bill Barrell writes, "My 72nd birthday comes in October. Still going strong. We have four granddaughters in college – two freshmen, two sophomores. One is getting married in July of 1998. Sandy and I keep busy following their various activities." ▼ Bill Hale reports, "My wife Shirlie and I have been walking every day. Still playing golf. We have two grandsons in football this fall. Chris is playing for Williams College and Kevin is playing for Newburyport High School. Looking forward to their games. Good health to everyone." ▼ A note from Arch Kingsley: "Looking forward to the 55th! Son Arch continues to put in fantastic performances as steeplechase jockey. Won the turfwriters at Sarasota two weeks ago — $100,000 Grade One stake. There are six Grade One steeplechase stakes a year. Of the last six, he has won four and has one second and one third on five different horses. That says a lot." ▼ Brad Roberts tell us, "The December issue of Ladies Home Journal will have

celebrity look-a-like section, including my youngest, Sarah Zander as a Sharon Stone look-a-like. Just got back from two weeks of fly fishing in Montana and Wyoming – with no fish. Hope all is well." ▼ This report from Irv Williamson: "Ethel and Irv Williamson sang with the Worcester Chorus in early July at the Great Waters Music Festival in Wolfeboro, NH. Joined Joy Towne, widow of Ben Towne '45 at the Winnipesaukee Summersing of Mozart's Requiem in the afternoon. Joy and Edward Stitt '42 told of their wedding in mid-August." ▼ Don Palais writes as follows: "On August 3, Judith and I were pleased to be guests at a 70th birthday party for Stan Hamel. There were about 100 persons there to celebrate Stan – from close relatives to friends from all of Stan's many diverse interests: license plate collectors from Vermont, an 80-year-old classic car collector with a 1930-ish Packard convertible sedan gleaming with care; the director of the New Hampshire Historical Society where Stan is treasurer and townspeople from Seabrook, NH, where Stan is town meeting moderator. Stan's brother Dana hosted the party at the Bald Peak Country Club in Melville Village, NH."

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Hey, guys – you did it! You comprised the greatest 50th Reunion of any GDA class. Sixty-eight percent of the living members of our class returned to Byfield in June. Those returning: Bill Bailey, Gordy Baldwin, Ben Birdsall, Norm Brown, Jay Curtis, Jack Deering, Henry Dunker, Kevin Gaffney, Sam Gwynne, Dan Hall, Chuck Hartel, John Heyl, Peter Hill, Allen Hughes, Plato Kangis, Jim Knott, Andy Leighton, Dana Mayo, Bob McGill, Charlie McLaughlin, Pete Morse, Pat Patterson, Bob Peale, Bill Philbrick, Bill Pierce, Les Richard, Ed Rogers, Hank Sanders, Jim Soper, Pete Sutton, John Walker, Joe Welch, Dave Wilcox, Ray Williamson and Lee Wilson. And what a time we had.... We dined and reminisced with friends from our youth, friends we had not seen in half a century. We were entertained by the Bragdons in the Mansion House. We attended – or participated in – "the best alumni glee club concert ever" according to Maestro Art Sager. We attended cocktail receptions and gala dinners. The large turnout of members of 1948 added to our pleasure as we reminisced with teammates of long ago: Tom Magoun, Hoover Sutton, Ash Eames, Fritz Freeman, Pete Houston, Ken Bruce, Dave Ellsworth among them. None of us who were there will forget classmate Les Richard's magnificent solo in "Landsighting" at the Glee Club concert. Another '47 highlight was the Alumni Panel on Education, chaired by Charlie McLaughlin and starring Dana Mayo, Dan Hall and Andy Leighton. Nor will we forget the moving homily by Bob Peale at the Memorial Service. And note, please, where some of our classmates traveled from to be with us: Bob Peale from Arizona, Bob McGill and Allen Hughes from California, Jay Curtis from Chicago, Chuck Hartel from Michigan, Les Richard from Wisconsin and Don Knowlton from Florida. Not only did we dazzle 'em with our numbers in attendance, as co-class agents Joe Welch and Jack Deering saw to it that we dazzled 'em with our class gift, too. Just to put into proper perspective what our class accomplished, not that – er, ahem, uh – at a 50th Reunion of "one of our Surrounding Classes" the class gift was $3,000. That same class had 33% of its living members return for its 50th and 44% of its members participate in its class gift program...as opposed to the Great Class of 1947: 68% return for Reunion, as noted above and 75.93% participation in the class gift. The class gift? Are you ready? Over $25,000! (Just over, to be sure.) We met our goal, thanks to the superb job of leadership by Joe and Jack – and to the marvelous cooperation of over 75% of our Class. In the Alumni Parade – which included a brass marching band – we were led by our official mascot, a black Lab named Governor who was attending his third major reunion of our class, sporting our class numerals. To all who participated in 1947's 50th Reunion, including Governor, a rousing cheer – and a very loud Thank You.

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This past May while in Tucson, AZ, I had the opportunity to catch up with George Duffy '46 and wife Val. George and his brother Dave Duffy '48 are old Worcester types. I hadn't seen George in maybe 40 years and there was instant recognition – neither one of us had changed a wit. Great to see him again. ▼ The social event of the summer in Middlebury, VT, was the marriage of Manson Hall's daughter Cathy. Besides yours truly in attendance there was of course brother Danny Hall '47 as well as Tom "The Lip" Emery and Ashley Eames '48, whom I hadn't seen in too long to recall. Everybody looked the same – wonderful – great party! ▼ It was one of those summers for running into old friends. I was at the Wianno Club in Osterville on Cape Cod for dinner when a face out of my childhood passed by – Dave Ellsworth '48, and old Worcester friend. We both lied a lot to each other about how good the other guy looked – fun to catch up. ▼ Bill Treby Johnson sent me an interesting article from the local paper about how he and a few other friends built a lobster



Tom Magoun, Dave Ellsworth, Bob Hill, Ken Bruce - members of the Class of 1948 Reunion Planning Committee meet on Block Island, RI, August '97

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boat for a friend who had been injured. A wonderful story of a community pulling together. Just what you would expect from Bill. ▼ Bud Frame is off to the Ryder Cup matches in Valderama, Spain, and then on to a little barging action around Dijon in France. Carol and I will be close by and if we can work up the courage we will meet Bud and Peggy for a French lunch – mucho vino, etc. ▼ John Canepa and wife Marie celebrated



Class of 1950'ers gather in Westport, CT April 17, 1997: Donald Bishop, Robert Dickerman, Davis Yesair, Richard Greenwood, Souther Barnes, David Esty, Timothy Greene, Ansel Davis, Alan Flynn

their 44th wedding anniversary with their four children and ten grandchildren. ▼ Gordie Price is enjoying semi-retirement. He has 11 grandchildren and just completed a fabulous 36-day trip on a 35-foot trawler from Portland, ME, down the coast to NYC, up the Hudson, across the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario, up the Rideau Canal to Ottawa, down the Ottawa River to the St. Lawrence to the Richelie Canal to Lake Champlain, down the Hudson and back to Portland – whew!! I'd like to sign up for the next one. ▼ Irv Williamson is continuing his routine. "To the office, which is next to the beach, then to the beach, which is next to the office, then to the golf course, which is near the beach, then back to the beach, which is next to the office, then to bed." Irv is responsible for a PGA golf tournament in Florida, a WTA tennis tournament in Los Angeles and a women's collegiate sports program. ▼ As for me, we are leaving Australia September 24, for the U.S. via Europe to arrive in Williamstown October 22. Will be there until the first of 1998 and then back to the sunshine in "Down Under." Anybody coming this way, give us a holler!

'50

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On the evening of April 17, 1997 nine GDA graduates, Class of 1950, met for dinner in Westport, MA. We were immediately either promoted or segregated to the Presidential Room. A good time was had by all and, on the spot, we scheduled the next event in this series for September 24th. ▼ Henry Brockelman may have to miss the September gathering of Governors because of a previous appointment with a retina specialist, but he looks forward to the spring of '98. ▼ From Bill Fletcher comes word that, "We are fully relocated to Osterville on the Cape where we are enjoying a relaxing retirement." Bill is in residence right in the village of Osterville and "would always welcome visitors." His phone number is (508) 478-1732. Bill will be with us on September 24th. ▼ A surprise 65th birthday party was held for Dave Yesair in mid-August. The invitation was in the form of a Wanted poster with a reward offered. Your Class Secretary was unable to attend, but I'm sure that others of you were there to celebrate a significant milestone for Dave. ▼ Joe Kennedy's decision not to run for the governor's office in Massachusetts has upset Dave Esty. "Oh nuts, I had been so looking forward to Joe Kennedy becoming the next Massachusetts governor. We all missed out on a Governor Dumber." In his latest response to Class, Dave claims to be "class conscious." ▼Hoppy Damon's daughter, Cindy Damon-Bach, passes along his,"Aloha from Maui," along with encouragement to visit him and his local art gallery, "Square One Designs."▼ Delays related to summer schedules have resulted in less news than usual this time. I'm counting on your help to turn things around in the winter issue.

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David Pope: "Sue and I just returned from a month's trip from Singapore to Bejing, China – fabulous trip. Seeing Thailand, Vietnam and China makes a believer out of anyone. Air and water pollution are a big problem. The people were great!"

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Fred Smith: "With six grandchildren and two un-married daughters plus their being located from Texas to Moscow, 1997 promises to be busy for the Smiths. It's our 40th anniversary year to boot!" ▼ The following letter from E. Richard Rothmund was sent to the attendees of our 45th Reunion in June (Barry Gately, Dirk Owens, Frank Huntress, Matt Grossman, Howard Quimby, Rib Smythe, Al Starensier and Don Rice): "The Class of 1952 official 1997 Reunion photos just arrived. What a group. All those high foreheads, that gray hair and those 'before' pictures on our name tags. But what class! That innocent but nonetheless impish look on our devoted Class Secretary compares favorably with another more recent image I have of him. He cut short his sermon on July 20th and told the congregation that he was afraid of the traffic on its way to see the Constitution set sail from Marblehead Harbor. He left his chasuble, amice, stole, alb, cincture and cassock in a trail toward the church door as soon as the service was over, ran to his bright red Taurus and burnt rubber out of the parking lot. I was told that the rush really was not to see the Constitution, but to help his home parish in Marblehead raise money by selling hot dogs to the masses. I hope All Saints' got a cut too, Frank. (Too bad Rothmund & Co. is no more or I'd have donated them.) Of all the time-passage-marking events in

my life, June 14, 1997 will forever stand out as the best and most enjoyable. Whether with or without our concurrence, 45 years ago, our parents forged a permanent relationship for us with a fine school and with each other. We took it from there, and from what I could see on the 14th, we all did pretty well with what we got from GDA and from knowing each other. It was a special joy for me to renew those old acquaintances, after so much time, with men and women I have long admired. Years ago, I went to two dinner reunions when I was working in New York. I knew no one at either reunion except for Jack Ragle and heard little about the Academy's progress or any real vision for it as the evenings progressed. I made a solemn vow not to attend any more. That resolve lasted until the redoubtable Franklin E. Huntress, Jr. sank his hooks into me. Now I have learned that it is highly advisable not to say no to Frank. He has special authority and a persistence one simply cannot ignore. (I guess the Phantom is finding that out.) It was moving and uplifting to share our successes, personal losses and plans as we explored a dynamic school doing even better today what it did so well for us so long ago. If any of you happen into Plymouth County, let me know you're coming. We'll arrange something, and if it is the season, a boat tour of Duxbury and Plymouth Bays. Every continuing good wish to each of you, and here's looking at our 50th. Thanks again for being such great classmates and for the privilege of seeing you again." ▼ To the Phantom: Ah, the mystique of Reunion daze will obviously filter out to the Phantom, there in Colorado Springs, who, I am quite sure, will have had first-hand contact with the class and event. Could it be that his next appearance will be at the next home football game?

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45th Class Reunion
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Summer's over, but the memories linger on.... Don Tracy spent this year's vacation on Orrs Island in Maine, swimming and eating lobster, which they bought at $2.70 a pound (!!!). Don said he had enough on vacation to last him the rest of the summer! Don not only lives in Maine, but says that every year they take a week's vacation there because "it has so much to offer, so why leave?" Don took social security at 62. Says it's a nice feeling, getting back what was paid in all these years. (Hope he leaves some for the rest of us....) He also suggests that anyone with e-mail include theirs when corresponding and then I could generate a class directory. Great idea, and I'll start with Don. His e-mail address is dontracy@juno.com. Mine is either sbpinkham@aol.com (home) or bpinkham@windi.com (work). This could get complicated...I'll send a reminder with my next letter. ▼ Bill King and his wife Cindy are celebrating their 40th (!!!) wedding anniversary in September with a trip to the Tuscany region of Italy. Three of their four children are married and they now have five grandchildren. Bill's with Smith Barney in the Boston Office and says he's looking forward to our 45th Reunion. ▼ Charlie Palmer says he's still not vertical. Spends time in a Middlebury, VT, condo. Spent time in a Naples, FL, condo. Joined a golf club and has an office.... (At this point, Charlie's handwriting is up for interpretation and the word is either "there" which would mean the golf club and which would make a substantial portion of our class envious, or the word is "here" which would imply a business in the Boston area. I strongly suspect it is the former.) The Palms says, "All is very well." ▼ Saw Tom Craig and his wife at our Amherst reunion in June, but never asked Tom what he's doing. Discovered through the Alumni magazine that Tom employs seven people at his computer software business in York, ME. During the summer he's very involved with radar systems for lobster fishermen. (So Don can thank Tom for the low prices on Maine lobster.) ▼ Sue and I are well. Great vacation in Colorado. Sue finally saw our "retirement house" and fortunately loves it, so we're still married. Hope you are all planning to be at our 45th Reunion. We look forward to seeing you there. Mark it on those 1998 calendars when they come in.

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Peter Scott reports he is still building self-propelled Howitzers but plans to retire in two years. His farm in Gettysburg is about finished and will provide a third career. ▼ Bill Durrell has decided to come out of semi-retirement and re-enter the full-time workforce. He has become partners with Bob Kennedy in the opening of the Kennedy Gallery in West Barnstable. In addition, he will open a table company in Brownsburg, Quebec, Canada. He plans to continue to publish the *Abaco Journal* in the Bahamas. ▼ Peter Littlefield spent a week cruising in Penobscot Bay this past August. He has just purchased a second home in western Vermont so that he can be with his sons and their wives during the snow season. ▼ Bill Spence is still developing and building new homes. He has three cul-de-sac projects going in the Sagamore Beach area. Bill is living alone in a condo in Fall River. He says he is interested in fast boats and NASCAR Winston Cup racing. He sees Dave Brainerd from time to time at his new home in Orleans on Cape Cod.

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Ted Bliss: "I'm with Travelers Insurance in Hartford, CT, in the Property Casualty Systems area. My wife Ginny and I live in Essex, CT. At our local Congregational Church I am presently chairman of trustees. I am also an active member of the Historical Society and Connecticut River Museum. We love to travel. Our daughter Rebecca, a Delta flight attendant, and her husband are in Fairfield, CT. Our daughter Karen, who works at the Graduate School of Management of Simmons College, and her husband live in Newburyport. Since they are so close to Governor Dummer, this should motivate me to attend a reunion in the near future." ▼ Walter Cannon: "I have recently been promoted to Acting Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Stanford University Hospital. Still flying and restoring airplanes and gliders. Kids all out of the house so Irene and I are alone at home with our dog." ▼ Kent Dumont: "Alive and well in Brewster, NY!" ▼ Steve Volpone: "After 25 years as a Ford dealer I sold my business and am now officially retired."

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Dave Clarke writes that his daughter Brydie graduated from Sunset High School in Beaverton, OR, in June and will enter Wheaton College in Newton, MA, in September. In addition, the SHS Band and Color Guard were selected as best in their competition at the Portland Rose Festival Band Competition for the ninth consecutive year. Brydie was co-captain of the Color Guard. ▼ Phil Teuscher will be racing at the Regatta Royal out of Cannes, Côte d'Azure later this month, and perhaps will make another trip to Europe. He will also be attending the GDA reception in New York City. ▼ I spent a week in July in the Wiscasset, ME, area with my daughter and her family, who were vacationing in one of the family cabins on Lily Pond. Granddaughters Sarah (four) and Cassie (two) loved being up there and got into everything. With a visit to my mother's home in Falmouth, we were able to get four generations together at one time and place. I drove Sarah back to Pennsylvania, where she stayed with us for about ten days. Then my wife Laura drove her to Indiana to reunite her with her family.

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Mark Johnson: "Working as a senior consultant for SDU-ACCI. Have been consulting on TCO (total cost of ownership) with Pacific Bell for the last year. Patty is still teaching junior high. Mariann is a general manager for Lenscrafters and Rachael is finishing her teaching credentials. We're still in Pittsburg, CA."

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Jeff Ellis: "Had by-pass surgery last August '96. Will be back flying this summer after bringing my handicap down five strokes during recovery. Am living in Dayton, NV, outside of Carson City. I get together with Bob Fullerton often. Stop by and see me. jellis6680@aol.com."

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Len Johnson: "My first year on Amesbury's City Counsel has been time consuming, but rewarding. This is the first municipal council under the Charter and all of us want to make it work." ▼ Tim Keeney: "I have left my job as director of Rhode Island's Department of Environmental Management to join DuFrane Nuclear Services as President. DuFrane designs and fabricates low-level radioactive waste storage containers and shielding systems and is located in Avon, CT. My major target is work at Federal DOE and DOD nuclear clean-up sites. I can be reached at (860) 676-2110." ▼ John Trickey: "It's hard to believe I have passed the 50-year mark, but with three pre-teen children, I can't afford to think 'old.' I have seen Tim Tenney and talk frequently with Win Burt. Tim Keeney – are you still in Rhode Island?"

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The fireworks for Stanley Greenberg and wife Julie came two days before the Fourth of July, when Noah arrived in this world. He may prove to be the final offspring of the Class of '67. Stan is offering to give $100 to GDA in the name of the next child we produce. All in the family are doing well, now that Stan has recovered from the hamstring pull suffered between first and second base at the Reunion. ▼ Rem Clark and family joined Scott Cameron for a Colorado pizza party – and much more – last summer. There was non-stop fun at Scott's mountain retreat, but the next time the Clarks may need to fly to Hawaii. That's where Scott wants to move. ▼ When Andrew Nichols and wife Loxley drove Rachael to Brown for her first semester this fall, it created a three-way tie for the college attended by the most

Class of '67 offspring. Kenden Alfond is also at Brown. The other two: U.S. Naval Academy and Johns Hopkins. Andrew is still living in Baltimore, where he has moved to the investment counseling firm Rothschild Pell Rudman to serve as co-manager. ▼ Dick Boucher is living in Venice, FL. He likes it, especially this time of year. Dick has earned a real estate license and has teamed up with wife Pamela to sell homes. ▼ Harper Follansbee had a busy year. He picked up a wife (Harriet Borriello), a new home (Hartford area) and a new job (teaching at Kingswood-Oxford's middle school). ▼ Our other full-time educator, Ted Dix, is back at the University of Texas after a visiting professorship at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Ted has been elected a fellow of the American Psychological Association. ▼ Chuck Davis has picked up two new responsibilities. He is coaching Tyler's third-grade soccer team, trying to employ the techniques of Buster Navins, and he is serving as a trustee for the University of Vermont, enjoying work with a dynamic new president. Chuck had a wonderful time at our Reunion and hopes all those who missed this one will be at the 35th. ▼ Roger Block has hit the beach. He and Judy have bought a house on Plum Island, cheek-by-jowl with the national wildlife refuge there. The commute is longer, but Roger loves the sound of the ocean. He sees Maine mariner Win Burt from time to time. ▼ Lew Rumford is still trying to lick an old GDA knee injury. He underwent apparently successful surgery in September just after a visit by Mayo and Dan Morgan.

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Jeb Bradley: "Still a member of New Hampshire legislature and chair the committee that deals with electric utility de-regulation. Anyone reading New Hampshire/New England press has surely heard about these efforts." ▼ Adam Levin: "After many years as in-house counsel for a major corporation, I have opened my own law practice out of my home in Hingham, MA. The practice is limited to real estate and primarily leasing of commercial properties. My wife Gail, daughter Hannah (eight) and I all love the new lifestyle." ▼ Bill Murray: "This past year has been a very difficult and sad one for me in that my wonderful wife of 17 years decided to end our marriage. Though I have the children, the pain has, at times, been overwhelming. However, I have much to be thankful for, not the least of which is the strength of character that I learned at GDA. Not a day goes by but what I somehow see something good, and it drives home all the more the responsibility that I have to go forward, continue to contribute and make the best of things. Keep me in your prayers." ▼ Guy Swenson: "Still living in Syracuse, NY, and working as a hydrogeologist. Daughter Sara (16) will be traveling to Argentina in August 1997 as part of the Rotary International program. She will live with families and go to school until June 1998. Eric (12) is an avid skier like his dad." ▼ Randy Whitney: "My daughter Catherine is now a member of the Class of '01 at GDA!"

'71

John Clayman: "I have changed careers. Now Managing Director of McCurdy and Rhodes, a naval architecture firm based in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Our focus is large sailing yachts over 100 feet. Our three children, Jack (nine), Annie (seven) and Ellie (six) are keeping Lalie and I very busy with their ice hockey, soccer, lacrosse, gymnastics and swimming.

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Justin Doyle sends his best." ▼ Andrew Nelson: "I was pleased by the visit of our French teacher Michael Reid who was here in New England this September with his wife and two children. He teaches at a French school in Thailand."

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Ben Pearson: "Things were going fine until I received (in the mail) my new GDA super big refrigerator magnet. It was the same day my new ATM card came in the mail. The ATM card warned that it shouldn't get close to a magnet and it was right! I had to get it re-magnetized. The GDA magnet, I'm happy to report, is doing fine holding up schoolwork as intended." ▼ Steve Routhier: "Sorry I couldn't make the 25th. Responsibilities precluded the more pleasant activity. We're building a house in Orlando. Very traumatic and exciting. Hope to move in late July. Tora and I are very happy. Zachary is 11 and has his red belt in Tae Kwon Do. Alexandria is nine and is deep into dance. Work goes well. I am Vice President, Marketing for Hard Rock Café Int'l. The company has grown from one restaurant in London to 76 in 29 countries during my 13-year tenure. A long, strange trip indeed. Please feel free to call or write if anyone gets down this way. Hope everyone had a great time at Reunion. Best to all." ▼ Tracy Will: "Listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in the Midwest* and *Who's Who in the Arts 1997*; *Travel Guide-Wisconsin*, published by Compass American Guides; *The Everything Backyard Book*, to be published in 1998 by Adams Media-Boston; currently writing *The History of Dave County, Wisconsin* for publication in 1997 or 1998 for the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary of a Statehood); my web page newsletter Wisconsin Health Policy Report on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield web site at http://www.healthnetconnect.net/whprn.html. My boys Roland (six) and Glenn (four) keep my wife Gay and I hopping at our 120-year-old brick farmhouse in Westport, WI, and I've taken up golf with a driving range in my 60x40 dairy barn."

Class Notes

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25th Class Reunion
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John Blake: "I continue to work at the Texas Rangers where I am Executive Vice President of Media Relations. My wife is an editor for the *Dallas Morning News*. We have two kids, Christopher (age seven) and Becky (age five)." ▼ Bruce Sheldon: "I am still living in Darien, CT, with my wife Jody, son Matt (ten) and daughter Lee (six). Working as a commercial real estate broker in Stamford, CT. Affiliated with Pyramid Real Estate and Management Company as a Vice-President of Leasing and Sales. Have enjoyed receptions in the New York City area over the past years."

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What a great 20th Reunion! Everyone who was able to attend was glad to be able to come back to GDA and share in memories and renew old friendships. Ted Babcock, Corky Vickers and Bill Cronan all came from California to share in the festivities. Sarah Barry came from Florida. We had lots of local classmates come, as well as a bunch from further down the coast – New York, Maryland, North Carolina. A few awards: Most years married (to the same spouse): Vicki Papaioanou Murphy. Most children (for IRS purposes): Heather Blair. Longest distance traveled: see above (a three-way tie). Best impersonation of self: Corky Vickers. Least changed: Kate Wise Tewksbury – tied with Lee Wade. Most changed: Pam Morais Higgins. Who else attended? Bob Torr, Alison McElroy Quinttus, Dave Bell, Tracie Ackerman Fornaro, Dave Ham, Ginny Sutton, Eric Laub, Mary Ann Lennon, Betsy Saunders Oski, Tim Richards, Mike Tullock, Perry Long and Chip Weickert. I am sorry if I missed anyone. ▼ Now for the cards some of you mailed back to me: Sarah Barry wrote in that she had a great time at our 20th. "Was just like time had slipped by and we were back at good ol' GDA. Been working still with Paychex Business Solutions in Florida. Please contact me at sbarry222@aol.com. Would love to hear from everyone! Let's plan for a huge reunion come the 25th!" ▼ Joe Pietrafesa wrote, "Hi Carrie, sorry I missed the 20th. I feel terrible about it, but between four children, dance and piano recitals, kindergarten graduation, Cathy and my 15th anniversary, it could not have been a worse weekend. Last February I was given the distinguished marketing award for Central New York and was honored to have Mike Moonves and Peter Bragdon come to Syracuse to attend the dinner. Rich O'Leary presented me with the award, so it was very GDA! Miss everyone." ▼ Andy Sterge wrote, "I was sorry to have missed our Reunion, but I had too much travel in May and June as it was. My family and I spent much time at our home on the Outer Banks this summer. It is really wonderful down there; I would encourage anyone who hasn't experienced North Carolina beaches to make the trip! Still managing a hedge fund for Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP). It's up to $10 billion right now and going great." ▼ Okay everyone, now that you know you missed a great time last June, please remember that in five years we will be doing it all again. Just enough time for many of us to recover from too much partying and too much fun (is there such a thing?).



Brian Noyes '76 and Peter Bragdon modeling some "fly" headgear



Tom Driscoll '78 with Robert and Thomas

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20th Class Reunion
June 12, 13, 14

Please write in your calendars June 12, 13 and 14 for our 20th Reunion. On October 14th, several of us will be meeting on campus to formulate plans for the Reunion and I will keep you informed as we move forward. People currently involved are: Scott Pope, Ike Suggs, Todd Dagres, Tom Driscoll, Peter Jenkins, Leslie Russell LaFond, M. Phillip Graham, Tom Mathews and possibly Alice Moseley-Granlund, Laurie Altschuler,

Pam Webb and Jim Goodhart. This group will be breaking up into different committees. Should you want to become involved, please contact any of the people listed above or Betsy Winder in the Development Office at (508) 465-1763. For any of you who wish to communicate with me via e-mail, my address is smpope@nh.ultranet.com. The next *Archon* article must be written by December 3rd. Please communicate any news or questions about the Reunion to me by that date. ▼ I heard from Todd Dagres via e-mail the other day. He writes, "I am living in Weston, MA, with my wife Carrie, son Jason (four) and daughter Emma (three). We returned to New England one and a half years ago from San Francisco where I was in the investment banking business with Montgomery Securities. I am now a partner in a venture capital firm called Battery Ventures. I recently invested in a company founded by GDA alumnus David Callan '84. The company is a new local phone company. I stay in touch with Ike Suggs and Tom Mathews. I apologize to Ken Bloom whom I forgot to call back when he called me two years ago. I am looking forward to our 20th Reunion." Thanks for writing, Todd. ▼ I spoke with Andy Stephenson recently. Andy is doing very well and is looking forward to our 20th. Of course, I would have more news for you all about Steph...except the bum didn't fax me as he "said" he would. The December issue Steph! Contrary to my...uhmm...last report on Tad Higgins, I mentioned Tad was living on top of some mountain in Wolfeboro, NH. Yes, it was a lie. However, he is living on a beautiful farm with plenty of acreage in Wolfeboro. He just finished building a 36X40, one-and-a-half-story barn and his next project is a three-bedroom home for a customer in Effingham, NH. Look him up if you are in the area! ▼ If you all haven't had the opportunity to see all the exciting changes on campus, make the time to swing by when you travel on 95 or Route 1. The new facilities are very impressive. I'll be talking with you soon.

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'80

Erica Goode: "Had my third baby this April – a boy named Davis – weighing in at a healthy 9 lbs. 3 oz. His sisters Madeline and Lily are so happy! He is a great little guy! Life is spinning very fast and it's all so amazing! Working outside the home is over, but working inside is pretty hard too! Better rewards though!" ▼ John Wise: "Dad's Home Childcare is in full swing after nearly two years. It took awhile for folks to get used to a male operated day care, but folks seem to be getting used to the idea. Our son Jack entered first grade and Ellen Grace is still home with me for the next couple of years. I am writing the newsletter for the Southern Maine Home-Dads Association. Check us out on the web page at slolane.com. Lots of writing and info on HomeDad organizations. At home Dads seems to be a trend now, not just a blip on the screen. I highly recommend it."

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Thank you to the many classmates who were in touch – It's always great to hear from old friends. ▼ Eric Adell e-mailed with news that all is well and he has been traveling extensively on business. "Brazil and Saudi Arabia to name a few. The children are great. Tory has been a real handful, but seems to be mellowing, though she still can and does flatten even the best of us at will!" Eric also sent news of other classmates. "Breedo is expecting a fourth child – a girl. Mike Reilly's wedding was a great time with Brandli and Swilly there too." ▼ Peter Brandli sent word that he and his wife are expecting their first. "Souvenir from a trip to Thailand last year! So now leaving city life in Hoboken to move to the burbs with new family in tow. I just spent a week on the Cape. Thought a lot about all the great times up there with Mike Reilly, Gary Bostwick and Peter Starosta." ▼ Clarissa Dane and I have tried to stay in touch via e-mail. She is doing well in New York, is really enjoying a relationship with a man that she has been seeing for about a year. She continues to pursue her singing career, having had an opportunity to sing a duet with Deborah Gibson while she was on tour. ▼ Dabney Friend Tonelli sent word that she and her husband Stefano are thoroughly enjoying life in New York City. Dabney loves her work for Goldman Sachs in the asset management division and her husband is an architect. They just returned from what sounds like an amazing two week vacation in Corsica – life is good! ▼ Sarge Kennedy dropped a note sending word of his marriage to Deb Smith on September 13th in northern California. For their honeymoon, they planned on a three week safari to Zimbabwe, Kenya, and the Seychelle Islands. Sarge invites friends to visit his new personal web site at http://www.sargekennedy.com for more details on his life. "I love my new hobby which is research and development at Peoplesoft where my job is to invent the future of business software which is really fun and challenging." ▼ Katherine O'Leary is well and enjoyed a great vacation on the West Coast. "Antea and I had too much fun. I ran into Armin Pistochian this winter in Boston where he now lives. I would love to hear from



Carter and Jacob Gwynne, born to Karen and Geoff '78 Gwynne, December 18, 1996

Terrence Talley – does anyone know where to find him? My family is all well, I have six nephews and three nieces – look out GDA classes of 2008 and 2012!" ▼ Mike Reilly sent word that he and his wife Diane, who recently received her Ph.D. in psychology, are living in Montague, MA, near Amherst, where Mike is a sales manager at Allstates Asphalt. "I still dabble as a part-time soldier. Haven't seen classmates lately except for a golf game with Eob and Jay DiIorio at Ipswich in May." ▼ Jennifer Malamud Schaeffner wrote that she is enjoying motherhood immensely. Son Max is almost one year old. Jen has

returned to work full time, but sounds as though she is juggling motherhood and career beautifully. ▼ Pongsatorn Suksangium writes, "I just received the latest issue of *The Archon*. I would like to say hello to all my classmates and update them on what I've been up to. I've returned home (Bangkok, Thailand) after completing my master's at Boston University in December 1986. Right now, I'm working as a stockbroker and have been doing this job since May 1993. Before that I worked for Deutsche Bank AG, Bangkok Branch, for five years (three in lending and two in treasury/foreign exchange). I've been married since January 1992 and now have two boys, ages three and one-and-a-half years old. Ever since I came back, I only made it back to the States twice, in November 1992 and April 1993, but I only managed to go as far as San Francisco. I really want to visit GDA and meet all of my classmates, but the long trip makes it very difficult for me. My two young boys are the main reason that I don't (and can't) leave home for too long. Anyway, I'm doing fine and sure hope that all of my classmates are enjoying their lives. If any of you should ever make it all the way here (Doug Brown did it back in 1993!), please let me know. E-mail: babar@loxinfo.co.th." ▼ Vinca Ingram Weatherly e-mailed from southern California saying, "I'm happy – Julianna is nine and Christopher Kirby is five. He is beginning kindergarten and feeling pretty smug about it. My work has taken a shift after seven years with the Creative Services Group at Amgen. I have moved into the engineering and operations group as their associate manager of communications. I write proposals to spend capital monies on various projects. It has given me a bird's-eye view of the company, which I enjoy. Two years and counting until I have earned my MBA from Pepperdine University. My husband John is an assistant service manager at a Chrysler/Dodge/Pontiac dealership – we all work way too hard." ▼ I hope everyone enjoyed a great fall. I'll be anxious to hear all the news of early 1998.

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John Krigbaum writes to say, "Hey! All is well. Married one year now. Sorry to miss the big Reunion. Had wedding obligations. I miss all my friends and am waiting for calls in NYC." ▼ Derrick Perkins missed the Reunion but has an excellent excuse. "Sorry to miss the Reunion but my wife Michele and I were enjoying our first child. 'Little Derrick' was born that day." (Saturday of Reunion!) Congratulations, Derrick! ▼ Barbara Mackay-Smith Martin writes that she is "still flying for United Airlines, running the bakery-café in Berryville with my husband Jean-Francois, and writing in my 'spare' time. Sorry to have missed the Reunion. Sounds like it was fun." ▼ Sloan Tyler writes, "I have been promoted to Lieutenant Commander and reassigned to teach at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. Bobby Low – call me. I am the coach of the men's lacrosse team and need some tips. Scott Holloway – call me. I need a good deal on a new car. Hope everyone is well. (860) 446-9550." ▼ John Egan now has two kids. "We welcomed a beautiful girl into our family. Her name is Claire MacPhaol Egan and she was born on December 23, 1996. Her two-year-old brother John loves her!" John's note also includes the message that, "Charlie Barrett got married to a wonderful lady named Jill." ▼ Marc Rasbury promised me he would try to be at Reunion but did not make it. Did send in a detailed card, though. "Over the last two-and-a-half years, I have been very busy with many positive lifestyle changes. First, I got married to a wonderful lady named Tanya, who is a lawyer for NY City Corporation Counsel. Second, I switched careers going from an environmental engineer to a telecommunication engineer for NYNEX (now Bell Atlantic). I plan to start my own consultant firm to specialize in project and environmental/hazardous waste management. Finally, I have started a freelance photo-journalism business and have secured business with Essence and Vibe magazines, as well as the NBA and Madison Square Garden." ▼ Ann (Rooney) McShea writes, "Great to see you again at Reunion. My new e-mail address is ann_rooney@smtp.nynex.com. Take care!" ▼ Heather Ryan writes, "The last two Februaries have been extremely eventful. In February of '96 I was able to attend the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on behalf of Lotus Development Corp. Typically, 2,000 world leaders (Heads of State, CEOs, University Presidents and notable Professors) meet each year to discuss world issues at this forum for a week. Although I wasn't V.I.P. enough to be on everyone's 'must meet' list (e.g. Bill Gates, Yasir Arafat, Shimon Perez, John Nye's father), I did manage to have dinner with the presidents of Hungary and Pakistan without spilling anything! Although I would have jumped at another opportunity to attend the '97 forum, I spent February '97 anticipating and delivering my daughter, Ashley Vivian Ryan (even better than the forum). Who knows what will happen next year!" ▼ Nancy Wickwire: "I had a wonderful day at the Reunion. I know everyone who couldn't go is probably wondering who did, so I will try to get the whole list: I don't think I had seen Claire Dober since we graduated. She looks exactly the same except her tummy is pooched out a bit; she is pregnant! First baby, due in November, if I remember correctly. ▼ Chapman Mayo and his wife Lohini came on Friday and spent Friday and Saturday nights in the dorms. The Mayos report that the lodgings were excellent. Trays of cookies and bottles of wine left our at "hospitality centers" in the evenings, sheets and towels provided, etc. Chap and Lohini won the dance contest at the party Saturday night. ▼ Mark Nichols and his wife Karen also danced up a storm, as did Gus Henley. ▼ Jeff Leavitt and his wife had a babysitter for the evening hours and could have danced all night, except they were probably frightened to enter the dance floor at the same time as Heather Vickers Ryan, who was celebrating one of her first evenings out alone after the birth of her baby daughter (husband Joe was babysitting). ▼ Ted Larned, Martha (Lawlor) Krauch and I were not so nervous about Heather, and decided to risk it. There were no serious injuries. ▼ Bobby Low was around for most of the day. He's still teaching and coaching at Holderness School in Plymouth, NH. ▼ Erica Norton and her husband and three adorable children came by after lunch. Erica looks exactly as she did in 1982. How does she do that? ▼ John Leary stopped by for the afternoon as well. He lives in Newburyport now. ▼ Brandon Clark was there for most of the day. Brandon still lives in California, but his parents are in Massachusetts so he made the trip to see them and go to Reunion. I brought my photo albums from sophomore, junior and senior year, which were a hoot to look through. The weather was great.

Time to start getting ready for the 20th. ▼ Will Friend – you are all talk and no action. Next time you better be there!

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Aaron Halpern: "Talk about water under the bridge: I'm now married to Wendy Green, no children yet. I got a Ph.D. in linguistics only to change to computational biology. I just took a faculty position at U.N.M. in Albuquerque – look me up via the University, or ahalpern@unm.edu. Best wishes to all." ▼ John Sylvain: "I've been thinking about writing for 13 years, so here goes nothing! I'm a free-lance writer living and working in Los Angeles. From 1987 to 1993 I was in Seattle starting a theater – Annex Theater. It's still there, going strong."

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Hi all! Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the new season. Once again, it is a beautiful fall in New England. I am hoping to get down to GDA in October to see the new Library and Mathematics/Science Center and maybe catch a soccer or football game. Lots of news about babies this month for the Class. ▼ I got a nice announcement this spring from Kathie Lambert Watt and her husband Gill about the newest member of their family. Charles Lambert Watt joined big sister Natalie on March 19 of this year. Kathie is doing well, although we missed seeing her and her growing family this summer. ▼ The annual get together with Elizabeth Kimball Williams was cancelled this year due to the arrival of Lawrence Williams in July. He joins older brothers Owen and Graham. I was fortunate enough to be able to spend lots of quality time with Elizabeth and Betsy Tuthill Farrell last winter during my maternity leave with my youngest. It is always nice getting caught up again with everyone and so much fun watching our kids run around together. ▼ I got Betsy on the phone this week and she caught me up with the progress of her son Patrick. He is 15 months old now and starting to talk up a storm. Such a blast when they can communicate. Betsy caught me up on a couple of classmates as well. She saw Amie Breed and Aimee Walsh Schade earlier this summer. Both of them are sporting new daughters. ▼ Amie Breed's newest daughter, Natalie is also close to 15 months old now. She and older sister Haley are keeping Amie busy these days. Amie is still out in California as is Aimee Schade. ▼ Aimee and her husband welcomed their new daughter Julia in April. Betsy, Amie and Aimee and there kids were able to spend a day together in Boston catching up. Betsy also mentioned that she sees Kristen MacKenzie Pollard and her son once in a while and they are doing well. ▼ I also got an e-mail from Gerry Tallman this week. He and his wife Heather are expecting their second child in February. They are very excited about making 15-month-old son Austen a big brother. He writes that Austen is "running and playing and is a complete joy." He and his family just returned from a two-week trip to the Tuscany region of Italy where they enjoyed watching Austen chase the pigeons with the Italian kids in the city squares, picking grapes at a vineyard and watching wine being made. Sounds wonderful. Back in the states, Gerry moved his law office to Randolph, VT, last year, where he is enjoying practicing real estate law. He send along his WebSite address, http://www.sover.net/~gtallman for anyone interested in real estate information and answers to frequently asked legal questions. I scanned it and it is really easy to understand and looks really helpful. Gerry also mentioned that he sees Brian O'Dell and his wife Rachel Tadmor often. ▼ They too have a new baby. Son Ethan is seven months old, and according to Gerry, very cute! ▼ Finally, I saw Kim Grillo and her mom and dad briefly this spring. They are all doing well and Kim is still enjoying life in Concord, NH, working as a lawyer up there. It sounded like she also had a very busy social life and took advantage of her proximity to the mountains for skiing as often as possible. ▼ As for my family, we are all doing very well. We have gone through a major quality-of-life change this year. Both Dan and I are now working in Portsmouth, NH, at Liberty Mutual, still doing network and desktop support, in different areas of the company. The move cut our commute by almost an hour each way, allowing us about 15 more waking hours a week at home. We are getting more sleep (i.e. less cranky), more exercise (i.e. fitting into our clothes better and less cranky) and spending a lot more time with our kids (i.e. the kids are less cranky!). The boys are doing well. Sean is now three and is still a very mellow, very verbal guy. He loves to read and sing (all the time) and has a wonderful imagination. Drew is our tank boy. He just turned one in August and is very physical. He likes to tackle Sean and has no interest in talking. He grunts at everything he wants, and because he is so cute, we gladly oblige. Dan created an internet site where we try to keep the boys' pictures up to date, for anyone interested, http://www.nh.ultranet.com/~scerbo. Not as useful a site as Gerry's but worth a stop once in a while! Congratulations to all of you with new babies, the ones I heard about and possibly ones I didn't! If you get a chance, stop by GDA and see the new buildings, I hear they're spectacular. Take care and write soon!

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Hi Class of '85. Thanks to all of you who sent in a reply for this issue of *The Archon*. As I had mentioned in my letter, I had a nice summer. I was able to work hard and play hard. Laura and I went to Seattle to attend Esmee Huggard's wedding. She and her husband Ken Williams will continue to live in the Pacific Northwest. It was great to see Mike Huggard after all these years and spend time with Dinah Daley and Becky Werner. ▼ Mike and Becky Werner now have two children, Matt who is about 21 months and Lindsey who is about seven months. Laura had a ball playing with them for five days! The Werner family also spent four weeks on the East coast during the month of August visiting friends and family. Dinah, Becky and her sister Jen will be staying with me in Chicago at the end of October while they attend another wedding. ▼ Ben Armstrong and Sean Mahoney have been keeping busy. They successfully sold their Big Planet Video stores to Blockbuster in the early spring and are both now pursuing careers in the financial industry. There is also a strong rumor that Sean has gotten engaged – Congratulations! ▼ Michelle Royster has been working on Beacon Hill for the past few years in her family's tax and financial consulting firm, which gives her time to

spend with her son Jeffrey who is one and a half. She says he is tons of fun and ironically he was born on April 15, tax day! ▼ Jim Tagg writes, "The last year has been a busy one. I went to Mexico on a dive trip with Bob Reed, got together with Jess Gould and Basem Pharaon when they came through Tampa and stayed with Lindsay Seward while I was in Boston recently. Everyone is doing great! However, my big news is I got married back in March to Kimberly Janes from Kentucky. We are doing fine and married life is great. I wish everyone a terrific holiday season." ▼ Sarah (Soule) Cullinan seems to be enjoying motherhood too! She writes, "My husband Brian and I have two wonderful girls. Our oldest, Holly, will be two in November and Jamey will be one in February. It's busy, but we love it. It was great to speak to Basem Pharaon a few months ago and I speak to Jill and Courtney occasionally – they are both enjoying their son!" ▼ "Hello everybody!" writes Jon Shain. "Lots going on here in Chapel Hill, NC. I got married on August 9th to Maria Bilinski in Raleigh, NC. Our wedding party included Michael Terrile, Rob Turner and former partisan Jim Barr. Best man was my brother Ross and my sister Dara was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were master Jeff Kelly, Doug Kirk and Linda McCarthy. I also have a new band called 'Wake' and we just released our debut CD on our own label – Flyin' Records. Our address is P.O. Box 4624, Chapel Hill, NC 27515. Drop us a line." ▼ Andrew Allen hopes everyone is doing well. He writes, "My son turned one year old August 24th. Great experience! His name is Hayden Mcleara Allen. Business is great in the landscaping world and Palm Beach is still beautiful and sunny." ▼ Bevin Cherot writes, "I am in the Army Aviation Officer Advance Course at Fort Rucker Alabama. I'm flying OH-58D (armed recon) helicopters. I'm also getting ready for company command and it's looking like Fort Bragg, NC. I won't know for another month. No wife, no kids, new sports car! Cool! See ya'll later." ▼ Rob Cloutier is going into his last year of emergency medicine residency. He plans to start a fellowship in pediatric E.R. in one year. He writes, "Philadelphia is okay. Look forward to moving either back to New England or out west." ▼ Dennis Gately defended his dissertation last March and finished his Ph.D. Dennis and Noelle moved to Philly to start a postdoctoral fellowship at the Fox Chase Cancer Center. They live a mile from Rob Cloutier and his wife Nicola Rotberg. Their dogs play together each weekend for "puppy playgroup." ▼ Anthony Fusco writes, "My daughter Gabriele recently celebrated her first birthday. My son Nicholas is nearing two and a half years of age. We have our hands full! I started a new position as in-house council for a store fixture company in June." ▼ It is wonderful to hear from everyone. If you want to e-mail me my address is natames@aol.com.

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Andrew Eaton: "Still residing north of Chicago and running my personal training business. Helps to be fit so I can keep up with my sons Justin (eight) and Dillon (two). Also celebrating my second anniversary with my wife Paige. Of course, I always keep an eye on east coast real estate – eventually I'll come back home." ▼ Carey Girolami: "My husband Rob and I moved to North Carolina last July. He has started his own underground pet fencing business. I am teaching third grade at a local public school in my town. We're enjoying the wonderfully mild winters and living right on the beach!" ▼ Paul Nardone: "I was recently promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer at Annie's Homegrown Foods. The company recently had a public offering that went quite well. Married life is good. My wife Laura and I are proud parents of a beautiful golden retriever. Her name is Clover. If anyone's in the area and wants to have lunch, call me at (617) 889-0605. I have a great expense account!" ▼ Tom Wallace: "I've been living in the D.C. area for about five years now. For the past three years I've been working for Capital Restaurant Concepts (one of the area's premiere restaurant companies) with the past year spent as general manager of the city's number one nightclub. I'd love to see any GDA grads in the area get together and party."

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Hello, sweet class of '87! At long last, I give you my farewell *Archon* column and a quick and dirty recap of our tremendous Reunion, so long ago in June. Where, oh where, has the summer gone? First of all, I would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Reunion, fabulously too numerous to mention, and the entire GDA Alumni staff who put that weekend together and provided those endless beverages. Whew. Next, I especially want to thank Pam Chase Paradee, for agreeing, clearly in a moment of confusion and poor judgement, but agreeing nonetheless, to take over as Class Secretary. Thank you, and sure, I'll help out once in a while.... Now, as for Reunion. How was it? What can I possible say? It was fantastic, again. We definitely have the makings for many more excellent weekends with our current attendance record. According to the Alumni office, we had more people come to our tenth then have come to a tenth in years. When people fly into town from all over the place, Seattle, California, Michigan, Wyoming, Colorado, Virginia and Newburyport (you all know who you are), how can we go wrong? The dedication is amazing. Though, I must say, some folks from other places, Texas, in particular, were sorely missed, and no excuses will be accepted for not coming to the ten reunions, or calling your long lost friends. I ask you, where else can you have continuous entertainment, shocking surprises, become completely sleep deprived and leave with a laughter-induced stomach-ache that actually takes a few days to heal? Nowhere else, my friends, but buggy Byfield. As most of you who could not make it can imagine, simply from checking out our class photo on page 20, and in particular just checking out John "Chud" Roach (he is in the front row, between Amy and Jahnna...no, go look at it now, I'll wait...crazy, huh?), it was great to see everyone again, and witness how we are all getting along in life. For instance, some folks have sadly gotten a bit older. Example: Dave Bonenko and Kip Brown actually needed to rest on the way down to the beach

(maybe a 50-yard walk, yes, in sand, but...) with a fairly light cooler, which became lighter with every stop they made. They made several. On the other hand, some of our classmates have actually gotten younger: Chris Dobrosielski ran the Pie Race route twice as a warm up, won it by miles, came back halfway to meet Anita Russo Bartschat and I to help push Anita's beautiful, but not very fast, son Cristoph (age one), then jogged it again for reasons completely unknown to me, who barely finished. Surprisingly, some yo-yos have become quite acrobatic in their advancing years: Jim "Taco" Andriotakis took a Half Gainer, or was it a Triple Lindy, into an excavation pit one dark and scary night. (Yes, part of the new building campaign on campus. No, not a shallow pit by any stretch of the imagination.) Luckily, Todd Crabtree was there to poll the judges, but somehow everyone ended up on the ground with an attack of those stomach-cramping giggles that were going around all weekend. Some of our friends have remained much the same, and just as surly: Chud. Others have altered their appearances quite a bit: Chud? Julie? Is that you? And then, some folks came right out of the blue! Nate Greene and Jason Kneissler, it was just great to see you there! Please stay in touch. And finally, far too many in our class have gone off and gotten married and started having kids!!! What is up with that? We are only ten years out, you know...uh, well, still, it seems so soon! Luckily, everyone has managed to find great mates so far, and has had the cutest kids ever, so it is fun to have the extras around! All in all, it was a brilliant time, thanks to everyone who came and the hilarious stories and memories we all have to share. Do you think they get funnier as we get older? Seems like it. Anyway, I had a blast and hope you all did, too. Keep in touch and start planning your next trip to Byfield in five! Finally, on a much sadder note, I want to extend my condolences to Ann Blair, whose father passed away unexpectedly this summer. Ann, it was so nice to see you and your family in June, and I hope you know that many people are thinking of you and wish you well. Well, guys, that's it. I'm sure I've proven my senility with this brief account of Reunion and forgotten numerous people, places and things, but, as usual, I'm already past the deadline for this article and I'm hungry. So, I'm off. See you, keep in touch, and write to Pam!!!

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Dave Adams: "My wife Deborah and I are proud to announce the birth of our first child, Muriel Emery Adams, on August 19, 1997 at 9:38 a.m. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. I recently visited Jill Packard and Dave Miller '87 at their apartment in Derry, NH. They are doing well. My e-mail address currently is adamsd1@bsci.com." ▼ Matthew Caron: "I am down in Richmond, VA, at the Steward School, teaching economics. I have shacked up with my fiancée Kristen Kawa from Syracuse, NY. The wedding is June 27, 1998. My best to all." ▼ John Khantzian: "Received my Master's in business administration from Boston University and have started a new job with Janssen Pharmaceutical, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson." ▼ Kara Moheban: "I've been extremely busy over the past few months, studying for the bar exam, relocating to New Hampshire (I'm clerking for the New Hampshire Supreme Court) and planning my wedding. Jason McLoy '89 and I are getting married in August 1998. Congrats to Brendon O'Brien on his engagement. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone at our 10th. Jason and I had a great weekend with Jed Mixter on Squirrel Island." ▼ Dan Morison: "Been living in NYC for a couple years now. Saw David Hanlon last week. We spent time catching up with each other and made some other friends while in New York. Interested in a survivors party. Peace." ▼ Hugh Ogilvie: "I am currently obtaining experience in order to become a criminal defense lawyer, visiting magistrates courts and police stations on a regular basis. I am still writing music reviews and volunteering for a homeless charity and drugs agency. I'd love to hear from anyone in the Class of '88, particularly Cabot Orton, Jeff Abrams and Matt Caron. Take care everyone." ▼ Carrie Walton Penner: "I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next June at our tenth Reunion! This fall my husband Greg and I are getting ready for the arrival of our first child in late October. I see Jenny Petschek fairly often and she is keeping busy working for Honis Cellars in Napa. Heather Hinrichs stopped by in August while interviewing in Palo Alto, and will likely be moving here later this fall." ▼ Lisa (Sweeney) Ryan: "I have just recently moved to Ottawa, KS, where my husband and I are working at Ottawa University. My husband Steve is coaching football and I am teaching a couple of education classes. We have a new baby daughter, Madison Leah Ryan, born January 31, 1997." ▼ John Sullivan: "Did *Much Ado About Nothing* with Paul Wann this past summer and am now moving to New York City. I have changed my last name to what was my middle name (Sullivan). Goodbye John Meyers, hello John Sullivan."

'89

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Greetings from GDA – land of the new buildings! I hope everyone has a chance in the near future to visit the campus and see what wonderful new facilities we now have. The new library is beautiful and its views of the athletic fields are magnificent. It really makes one want to study. The math and science center is more technologically advanced than I can figure but a true sign of how far GDA has come in that arena. OK, news from the class.... ▼ Mariah Lilly Azarovitz writes, "Hello everyone! Married life and motherhood couldn't be better. Mike (who some of you met at our five-year reunion) and I are the proud new parents of our one-month-old son, Benjamin. Best wishes to all!" Congratulations, Mariah! ▼ Hawley Appleton has been busy with many things this fall. She is completing her museum studies courses this year and interning at the Harvard Museum for their Ancient Cultures division. She says it is fascinating. She is also still working at Appleton's full time. She has seen Sam Temple who is in the area and Chante Lampton who was visiting for the weekend. She is also helping her sister get organized for her wedding next October. Hawley is still living in her studio in Cambridge and loving it. She asks, "Where is Cate MacLachlan?" ▼ Allison Hyder writes, "Not much to report here except that I just moved. Not a big move – still living on the same street on Beacon Hill – but I am now living in a one-bedroom, which is great! I am still working at the Weber Group (public relations) in Cambridge, where I have been for more than three years. I am looking forward to the fall and especially the trip I just booked to

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Jamaica in November. I hope everyone is doing well!" ▼ Susannah Griffin writes, "I moved to Manhattan last winter and I am currently working as a CPA at Ernest and Young. I would enjoy hearing from classmates. E-mail: susannah.griffin@ey.com." It was great to hear from you Susannah, it has been a long time! ▼ The summer has been filled with weddings for many of us, I am sure. Many of our classmates were included in the long list of weddings that have taken place. ▼ Joy Fosdick Chuba was married in June and Renee Jespersen, Ashley Newbert, Jessica Clapp and Jen Ashare were in attendance. She and her husband Jim are now living in Somerville. ▼ Jessica Cowles Pidgeon was married in July to her husband Bill. I was lucky enough to be at the beautiful wedding at her mom's home in Camden, ME. They took a wonderful two-week honeymoon in Bermuda. Bill left September 8 for Kuwait for four months. He is a third mate on an oil tanker in the Gulf. Jess's job is still great. ▼ M.J. Forrest was married in July as well to his wife Katherine. His wedding was a blast with a few of our GDA friends in attendance including myself, Dan Nadeau, Pat Riley and Derek Van Vliet. ▼ Speaking of Derek Van Vliet, he and his wife Megan were married in September at a beautiful and fun wedding in Marblehead. M.J., Dan, Pat and Renee were all in the wedding and in a future edition of *The Archon* you will see a picture of the large GDA crew in attendance. ▼ As for Pat Riley, he will be getting married on October 25 along with Chuck Kahn who will also be married on October 25. Rob Wattie and Matt Dowing will be in Chuck's wedding and Dan, M.J. and Derek will be in Pat's wedding. ▼ Dan Nadeau has big news to share. Nicole Young accepted his proposal of marriage on July 18 and they are planning a wedding for next fall. He has seen many of our classmates at various get togethers, engagement parties and weddings. ▼ Rob Ashworth also became engaged last spring and he and his fiance Tammy are planning a wedding for next fall as well. ▼ Renee Jespersen is finishing up her final year in medical school. She did a rotation in Boston this summer but has since returned to Tulane for her fourth year following a trip to a surgical conference in Hawaii that she was selected for. ▼ Jen Ashare is also finishing up school and is in her third year of law school. ▼ As for me, I am still working here in admissions and yes, I am still living in Moody. I am in the midst of my busy travel schedule, meeting kids all over the country. As always, you all have an open invitation to visit GDA at any time. I hope you are doing well and look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon!

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Shannon Davenport: "I am living in Rye with my parents and attending U.N.H. full time. I am getting my M.A.T. and getting certified to teach high school English." ▼ Glenn Johnson: "I'm working as an administrative assistant at UMASS, still studying and writing poetry. I also lead diversity and leadership workshops. I'm seriously considering moving to NYC to try acting again and live in the metropolis! Saw Kevin O'Handley not too long ago. I would love to hear from anyone and everyone from GDA. My address is 106 Linden Street, #1L, Holyoke, MA 01040. Phone: (413) 536-9260. E-mail: glennjo@umext.umass.edu." ▼ Jeffery Leggette: "I am doing very well. I'm a happy bachelor living in a home in Compton, CA. I graduated from California State University, Dominguez Hills, with a B.S. degree in accounting (May 1996). I have been a salesman for Frito-Lay Inc. here in sunny California for the past year and a half. I also talk to Ike Suggs '78 periodically. I visit Kimani Jones once a year in San Diego when his team (UTEP Miners) plays San Diego State University in basketball. I've been dating a young lady for the past five years and marriage is a topic of discussion, but marriage isn't in my plans for a couple of years." ▼ Heather (Knapp) Livingston: "Hi everyone. Just thought I'd let you know that I just got married! Mitch and I are now living in Pennsylvania and working hard on restoring our old stone house."

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I hope that everyone is enjoying their fall, I certainly welcome it. After a summer full of activities it's nice to have some cooler weather and catch up with some people. ▼ Here in the city I have seen quite a bit of Alison Magee '89, who has recently moved back here, and had dinner with Alison and Kathryn DiNanno '90, who works at Christie's Auction House with Alexis Colby. ▼ Catherine Tuthill and Alexis are both busy training for this year's NYC Marathon. They have tried to recruit me to join them, but I think it would be safest for all involved for me to simply stand on the sidelines and cheer very loudly. ▼ Nick Dunham escaped the craziness of the city this summer for a hiking expedition in Montana with his brother. Nick told me that Meredith Kalil has moved to Atlanta where she is further pursuing a career in advertising. ▼ Mike Aron writes that he has just celebrated his first wedding anniversary and hopes to catch up with Todd Bairstow, Mike Burke, Becky Baker and Easton Craft in October to help celebrate this occasion. ▼ Out on the West Coast, Pete Jacobs had a summer filled with San Francisco adventures. Pete is working at Young & Rubicam Advertising and writes a mean e-mail (definitely Class Secretary material, keep him in mind next time around. I am sorry Pete, but I must plant the seed early). Pete recently celebrated his 25th birthday and had quite a soiree. Bence Oliver was in attendance and of course his presence was marked with some sort of event complete with a gang altercation, you know the usual. ▼ Graeme Jones writes that he has finished his degree at Plymouth State and will be coaching lacrosse there this spring. He continues to be a ski instructor at Waterville Valley in the winters and is hoping to be a full-time teacher next fall, possibly at Holderness. ▼ Alanna Caffrey is pursuing a M.A. in Irish studies. She will be in Dublin for the fall of '97 finishing her degree. ▼ Scott Miller has been a district manager in the circulation department of the *Burlington Times-News* in North Carolina since graduation. He went to the police academy in July to obtain his certification as a law enforcement officer. He hopes to be working for either the sheriff's

department or the city police department by the end of 1997. ▼ Things in Chicago are going well for Brian Novelline. He is living with David Corbett and another friend from Northwestern. Stratton Newbert visited while in town on business and Phil Gatchel spent a few nights in their apartment. Phil was taking a short break on his journey to experience every baseball park in the nation. ▼ Stratton Newbert has a new job in Cambridge where he is part of the design team for the new Logan Airport Hilton Hotel and is looking forward to seeing that project to completion. Stratton is also dabbling in small bridge design as well. He sees Matt Murphy, who recently deserted us here in New York for greener pastures in Beantown, and Easton Craft quite a bit. They all went to see Todd Bairstow in action as the Lowell Spinners "Canalagator" Mascot, the Red Sox A farmteam. Todd, Stratton says he has pictures...perhaps next issue? Stratton has also caught the running bug and will be running in his first marathon on November 9th in Rhode Island. ▼ Also in Boston, Karen Queen is really enjoying being back home and her first year at Northeastern Law School. ▼ This summer Karen ran into Ruby Van Loan up in Maine. Ruby is back living in New Hampshire and working at a day care center. ▼ Good luck to all the runners, and FYI Leah Colangelo is studying to become a massage therapist so you may want to look her up.... As always, please keep in touch.

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Well, our first Reunion is in the books, and I must say I won't forget it. Things got a little crazy in Eames dormitory on Friday and Saturday night, but I think everybody had a great time. In honor of our successful Reunion, I decided to come out of retirement and make yet another Top Ten list. I know it's been a long time, but I will do my best not to offend anyone. The Top Ten Things Overheard During Reunion '97: 10) No, Mr. Moonves, I don't know anything about any golf cart. 9) I never knew Eames could be this much fun. (Former Perkins resident.) 8) So you slept in your car too, huh? 7) Who said you could have our beer? 6) Eighty seven!! Eighty seven!! 5) Hey baby! Take me for a test drive! (The golf cart.) 4) Hey baby! Take me for a test drive! (Jon Kazanjian) 3) This place is trashed. Was somebody throwing fruit? 2) No, Jon, I don't know anything about any fire extinguisher. 1) We paid a lot of money for that band. Somebody get in there and dance! ▼ I received a good amount of postcards back this time around. Looks like everyone is starting to get busy with their careers at this point. ▼ Sam Nickerson is working at Brammell Capital Management as a Biotechnology analyst in New York City. Sam is looking for Tim Ghetto, as is Miles van Rensselaer, who is still working in the sculpting business. ▼ Miles writes, "Still playing the game of indentured servitude in the most Christian corner of Pennsylvania, but only for another six to eight months, then perhaps San Francisco. The bronze has gotten monumental (12' +) and the hours unbearable (50-60 a week) but the boss is still insane. Looking for subjects for life casting...any willing participants call (610) 749-0401. Any news on the location of Queen Brave Lion?" ▼ Peter Vasicko graduated from Elmira College this June. ▼ Gus Mergins recently received the Senior Art Prize for Men for studio art at Lawrence University. ▼ Randy Hemming writes that he was sorry he missed Reunion, as he heard it was a lot of fun, especially for Jon K. (See #2 on above list.) Presently, Randy is interning at a large financial consulting firm in California and is making plans to move in with his girlfriend. Randy will be graduating from college soon with a double option in business. ▼ Randy's former football teammate Joe Montminy is now in his first year of law school at the University of Miami (FL). ▼ Melissa Margarones is in Maine teaching freshman English at Edward Little High School. Melissa writes that she is loving her work and also the sailing team that she joined in Portland. ▼ Melissa saw Hoyt Morgan driving an antique ship at a recent race, but didn't get a chance to say hi, as his race was over before hers. ▼ Grace Jeanes wants to thank everyone who worked in the fifth reunion campaign, and to everyone who came back to campus in June. Grace is working at the Harvard Business School in the development office, but recently found time to go up to Toronto for vacation. ▼ Also working at Harvard is Erin Elwell who is enjoying her work at the medical school. ▼ Christina Morse is back from Costa Rica, and is now moving out to Colorado where she will work for Mission Wolf, an education facility. Christina is now doing research as well as educational work with 49 wolves. ▼ Brooke Whiting is now at the University of Pennsylvania for graduate studies in landscape architecture. ▼ David Olshansky is now at Kent Law School in Chicago after finishing a successful undergraduate program at Miami. ▼ Chris Ruggerio is still working in New Jersey and managed to keep in touch with Matt Remis who is now teaching at Kimble Union Academy. ▼ Jon Kazanjian writes that Reunion was great, but that next time Martin Laperierre and Pat Gervais are dead (again, see #2 in above list). ▼ Jon's buddy Pete Costello worked at MTV's *The Real World Boston* as a camera man this year after working in *The Real World* in Miami. This summer, Pete took an innovative film course in Maine and is now looking for film production work in NYC or L.A. ▼ As for me, I am now teaching sixth grade geography and eighth grade algebra at Bancroft School in Worcester. I'm living in Brookline with some friends of mine from college, and having a great time not having to be on duty at night and on the weekends anymore like I did last year. I miss good old Fessenden, but I'm glad to be teaching where they don't know me as a student. Feel free to send e-mail to me at any time. Thanks again to everyone who helped out with Reunion.

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Ilse Abusamra: "Hi! Well, I'm just finishing my second month at my first 'real job!' Working as an admission counselor at Vassar college after working all summer interviewing prospective students at Bates. I love it so far. I'll be traveling basically all fall, so it should stay interesting. Did my first marathon this summer with a runner friend from Bates – wonderful experience – can't wait to do another!" ▼ Jason Benedict: "Having a great time studying abroad at Curtin University in Perth, Australia." ▼ Amy Chase: "In France studying at the Institute for American Universities. Enjoying it very much – beautiful country! Hello to everyone!" ▼ Shawn Ferullo: "Things have been busy this summer. I graduated from Boston University in May. I got married in June and I'm now starting medical school at Boston University School of Medicine."

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▼ Kristen Hand: "I spent the two months following graduation from Bowdoin on a remote island in Canada having been granted an artist residency. The time was incredibly productive artistically, and the simplicity of life there was indescribable. I am now living in Manhattan working in Soho as the Associate Production Manager for the magazine *Antiques*. It is a diverse, artistic, fast-paced job I like very much. It is great to finally be in the same city as Derek Ambrosi. He is doing very well and pursuing his goals as far as the entertainment industry is concerned. Congratulations to my ninth grade roommate Karen Filip on her summer wedding! Take care." ▼ Jonathan Jett: "I'm in my fifth, and hopefully final, year at Villanova. Spent last summer in Europe taking classes and backpacking around. Going to Australia in the fall where I'll see Ashley Russell '95 who is over there studying abroad." ▼ Shawn Markey: "I'm moving to San Antonio, TX, to teach physics and coach football and baseball. I'm looking forward to the nice weather for a change. I will be driving with Jon Kazanjian '92 who I see often. If you're in the area, give me a call. It is a beautiful city." ▼ Lissa Murnane: "There's nothing going on – I'm graduating from Tufts and probably traveling in Europe. Oh yeah! My new novel and swimsuit calendar are coming out this spring. Just kidding! Hello to all!" ▼ Michael Nadeau: "I'm working hard at Coopers and Lybrand in computer assurance services. Have a five-bedroom apartment in Brookline and it's really awesome – five roommates from Union. I love Boston. Give me a call if you're in the city (617) 739-7448." ▼ Jaime Nolan: "Hi everyone, I graduated from Wittenburg this June and I am working at Channel 7 (NBC) in Boston, operating the cameras (robotic control). I have not talked to anyone in ages and would love to! I am still living in Marblehead, MA, and love my job at WHDH!" ▼ Sanjeev Rajan: "Graduated from Carnegie Mellon University. Attending U.C. Hastings Law School in San Francisco." ▼ Anne Savage: "Everything is going very well. I have moved to Washington, DC, to take a job working for the Department of Justice after spending the summer at U.C. Berkeley. It's great to finally be out of school, although I'm sure that grad school probably isn't very far away." ▼ Sandra Watson: "I'm living in Somerville, MA, with four friends from college and working full time at a residential home for adolescents. Everything is going great!" ▼ Shirani Wickramasinghe: "I am in Ohio still. I will be taking classes this summer and fall trimester and will graduate in the spring. I am working in a kindergarten." ▼ Christopher Yeagley: "I'm living outside of New York City, working for Merrill Lynch. Looking forward to seeing everybody at Reunion. My new address is: 308 Trinity Court, #2, Princeton, NJ 08540."

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Well, like most of us in the Class of 1994, I am graduating in May and am pretty excited about it. I am an electronic media major/Spanish minor. ▼ Matt Prunier and Niki Abdulla are both graduating with me from G.W. and are looking forward to it. ▼ Cathy Perry is still at Georgetown and is looking forward to part of her spring in London. ▼ Lisa Maffei is spending this semester in Bath, England. She visited Wales and London, and is now in Paris. ▼ Erin Canavin is having a good time in Boston, attending UMass Boston. ▼ Gilbert Farmer is a senior at Franklin Pierce. He is doing a walk across Europe – four countries, 1200 miles – from Salzburg to Paris for the semester. He'll be back in Westfield, NJ, on November 3. ▼ Kate Savage had an enjoyable, relaxing summer. She spent a month in Atlanta with a friend and the rest of her summer at home with her family. She's looking forward to her final year at Lawrence. ▼ Melissa King spent last semester in Australia's tropical forest studying marine biology. She is now in Canton, NY, student-teaching biology as she has already finished her biology major at St. Lawrence. By the end of this semester she should have her teaching certificate. E-mail her at x81l@music.stlawu.edu. ▼ Kurt Danielson spent his summer working for the U.S. Forest Service in Arkansas as a tour guide in a cave called Blanchard Springs Caverns in the Ozark National Forest. In October, he's flying to Minnesota to analyze a core of a lake that has been taken so he can figure out the climate in Minnesota over the past 10,000 years. ▼ Steve Tagg is having fun at school. This past summer he was in Florida for five weeks painting his brother's house and the rest of the summer was in New Hampshire with Jenn Mulloy and Worm (Dan Vermeersch). Steve's trying to graduate in June. ▼ Michelle Dumas is busy at Gettysburg. She is student-teaching eighth grade English this semester and says it's a nightmare. Over the summer she worked at a country club and traveled to Arizona for a sorority convention. ▼ Rahul Sivaprasad is still at Whittier. He's applying to graduate schools to do his masters in communications/broadcasting. ▼ Sue Armato is graduating in May with a BSBA in sports administration. Over the summer she worked for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in Tulsa, OK. Her new goal in life is to own an NBA team by the time she's 50. ▼ Juan Lopez



Mark Ferrara '93 and Damu Courtney '94 accepting ROTC awards at Holy Cross, April 11, 1997

is in El Salvador graduating with a technical degree in advertising. He will hopefully be in Orlando, FL, in February recording arts and film production at Full Sail. Currently he is working at a bar in Zona Rosa and with his cousin on some original music. He has his diving permit and is looking forward to a trip to Roatan, Belize, to go diving. His e-mail is aes@sal.gbm.net. ▼ Cara Costanza is a copy editor at her school newspaper at UNH. She is graduating in May with a degree in journalism. She says that Chris Rice is well at St. Lawrence and Chris Keybida '95 is having a good trimester at RIT. ▼ Josh Manring is majoring in international studies at Rollins College and is a member of the highly-ranked tennis team. ▼ Thank you everyone who wrote and e-mailed me. Until next time GDA....

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Eric Whittier is "back in the swing of things" and is working as a trainer with both the football and women's lacrosse teams. The "summer went by fast and I was able to play golf with Matt and Lou although we missed Sung this summer because he stayed at school." ▼ Ed Guzman is sports editor of the Stanford Daily and has been busy warding off media calls inquiring about Chelsea Clinton. He's already had a run in with the Secret Service too!!! ▼ Amy Collins has chosen environmental studies as her major and is busy fulfilling all the requirements. She "hopes that everyone is doing well!!" ▼ Also doing the science thing is Todd Robbins who writes, "I worked for the USEPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) this past summer on a Bates internship. I worked in projects for monitoring rivers, such as the Penobscott in Maine and the Charles River in Boston. This fall I'm taking a break from running and rowing crew instead. I also saw Orlando in NYC this summer and he is well. ▼ Dana Coholan is busy at school doing the science thing too as a biochemistry major. She's living in Florida sharing her apartment with her dog. ▼ Miranda Trussell is also in Florida living, working and taking classes in Walt Disney World as part of the Disney College program. ▼ Chandlee Gore is living and studying too, but not in Florida. She's been in Chile since July and is really having a blast as an exchange student!!! ▼ I had the chance to catch up with Lindsay Swallow this past summer. She, too, is studying abroad in Bonn, Germany, for a year. She says "Hello" to everyone. ▼ Ksenija Topic spent her summer traveling in and out of Boston where she took summer courses at Boston University. ▼ Zeynep Guchan stayed in Washington, DC, this past summer instead of going home to Turkey. She's living in her own place and definitely loves it!!!! ▼ Nicole Costello had an interesting summer. She writes, "This summer I worked as disc jockey for the Lowell Spinners baseball team, a single A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. The highlight of the season for me was when Bret Saberhagen pitched in Lowell as part of his rehab assignment. At his press conference after the game he said, 'The music in Lowell was great and the D.J. should be playing music at Fenway Park!!'" ▼ Arnaud Lessard kept busy this summer working as a server in Newburyport and traveling to Europe in August. He visited many places such as Hungary, Greece and Italy. ▼ I, too, have been busy traveling I work for an airline part time and get awesome flight benefits. I have traveled mainly in the United States visiting tons of new places like San Diego, San Francisco and Denver. I managed to fly back to Boston three times! I ran into Dana Pascucci '93 a few times at Arizona State University and have spoken to him over the phone. Rahul Sivaprasad '94 visited me last spring; he was driving back to New Hampshire from California. We did the sightseeing thing!! Otherwise things have been really hot here in Arizona, but I'm surviving. I hope to hear from more of you next time.

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I'm sure everybody enjoyed their return to school and the good times. I wish more of you had returned the cards, but I was pleasantly surprised by some people. ▼ Lauren Carter says "hello" to everyone and is currently attending Wheaton College with Mara Zanfagna. She is a psychology major and hopes to graduate by the year 2000. ▼ Jason Randlett enjoyed his summer and plans to transfer to school somewhere in the Boston area. He is currently living off campus at U.M.O. but plans to visit Boston often. ▼ Todd Winters has returned to New England College and started off-ice training for hockey. He spent his summer in Manchester, NH, and enjoyed visiting many of his GDA friends. ▼ Brian Rybicki has transferred from Holy Cross to Northeastern University and can't wait to go to school in Boston. This summer he worked at Yellowstone National Park and had a great time. ▼ Jane Livingston is attending UNH while living at home in North Hampton, NH. She is striving toward her bachelor of fine arts in photography and spends her spare time working for a glass blowing gallery. ▼ Michael Silverio, "SAVS," worked over the summer at Blockbuster Video and watched numerous free movies. If anyone is in Atlanta, Mike wants you to look him up. He wishes everyone to have a great sophomore year. ▼ Tobi Szuts complains that his summer was fairly listless after returning from Germany in mid-July. He has spoken to Jeff Jassmond up at Reed College and has immersed himself in the music scene. ▼ Todd Walters again spent much of his summer at Plum Island as a lifeguard. He was happy to see everyone at Cat's place in Annisquam and is looking forward to a great year. ▼ Katie Lyons was a cocktail waitress this summer and made tons of cash. At the end of the summer, she purchased a new car and drove cross country. She loves living in the Alpha Chi Omega house at C.U. Boulder and doesn't anticipate returning to Byfield in the near future. ▼ Katie Renna has returned to B.C. and hopes the football team does better than the pre-season predictions. She spent some time at home this summer before returning to Fishers Island for the month of August. ▼ Mike Shedosky spent his summer at home and attended bartending school. He is still searching for a job up here. ▼ Scott



LA Gathering, June 1997
Back: Jorge Flores '96, Jordy Miller '97, Brandi Hall '97, Astrid Garcia '97, Sandy Padilla '97, Naomi Fink '99, Jessica Watson '01; Front: Marisela Aguilera '95, Ed Guzman '95, Kristin Brown '89(Admission), Paul Scibetta, Jesse Lee '99, Ayeisha Morgan '99

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Grenier spent his summer with Brad Russell and just had his 21st birthday. ▼ Finally, even though I worked two jobs almost the entire summer, I had a great time. I am still playing hockey for some odd reason and might have the chance to travel to Cairo, Egypt, in the spring. I have talked to Cam Larson, Jodi Leverone '97 and Top Charanachitta '97 around the Hamilton campus. Good luck to everyone.

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Hello everyone! This is Brian Marvin reporting from the back woods of Atkinson, NH. I hope everyone who is starting college this year is adjusting well. My fall is going well, but I hate to see the warm weather go. My plans have slightly changed this year since I have decided to defer from college this year and make some dough for next year. Currently I'm finishing up the tail end of my summer job at my local Shaw's supermarket where I have been furthering my education by bagging groceries and stocking ice cream (yeah, right). I got a chance to see Katie Little over the summer when her family and I went to the New Hampshire Highland Games and then to Katie's home town of Putney where we partied 'till the cows came home, literally (we were in Vermont after all). ▼ Joe Nicastro says he's doing well and adjusting to the Bowdoin life. He plans to play baseball in the spring. The work is difficult, but Joe says he's keeping up just fine. ▼ Sam Goldworm is currently in the pre-med program at the University of Miami. She's dancing in a group called "Legacy" that performs around Coral Gables. Sam says that Dawn is now at NYU and is still designing clothing with H.A. Nishi (who's going to the Fashion Institute of Technology). Both Sam and Dawn are having a hard time being apart, but as Sam mentioned, it is best for them to achieve their own goals. ▼ Speaking of H.A. Nishi, I've talked with him and he has found an apartment in Manhattan and is doing well in his classes. Unfortunately, H.A. is having difficulty trying to find courses to further his math at F.I.T. and he might have to take a class from another school in the area. I'm sure we'll see both Dawn and H.A. soon on a Paris runway at a fashion show! ▼ Julia Davis spent her summer working at a ranch in Montana with Chris Terry '95. She also went to Washington to climb Desolation Peak in the Northern Cascades. Julia says that she loves Whitman. ▼ During her summer, Meta Mason worked at Montana State in a microbiology lab. When she wasn't working she was involved in a lot of hiking and camping. She took a trip to California and saw Sandy Padilla, Brandi Hall, Astrid Garcia and Jordy Miller. Meta also saw Julia a few times over the summer because her house is really close to the ranch Julia worked at. Meta says that Bates is awesome and that she's having a blast. At school Meta says she has tons of work and spends most of her time in the library, but she sees Chris Terry '95 and Matt Dow '95 every now and then. Meta says hi to everyone! ▼ Rachel Lipman is doing great at Trinity. Her classes are just as hard, or easier, than GDA's. Congrats to Rachel for making Trinity's own a-capella group called the "Trinstones!" She is one of only three freshmen who made the group! Rachel says that her room is livable and that she gets along with her roommate. If anyone would like to visit Rachel, give her a call at (860)297-2985. Other than that, Rachel has been partying and having a good time. ▼ Meghan Earle is currently at Skidmore and is playing field hockey for most of the time. She keeps in touch weekly with Laura Hirsch and Jodi Leverone and she has made sure to touch base with all of her close friends at least once. Although she misses GDA, Meghan is having a blast at college. She would like to mention that she is positive that field hockey will kill soccer in their annual scrimmage! ▼ Jodi Leverone spent a lot of time with Meghan Earle, Laura Hirsch, Deke Fryberg, Adam Doorly and Eric Bornhofft this summer. They all took a trip to Cape Code for a while. Right now, Jodi is at Hamilton. She often sees Meghan Earle, Top Charanachita, Scott Grenier '96 and Mike Shedosky '96. Jodi says that she is enjoying herself. ▼ Nicole Suggs reports that her summer was kind of boring. She worked Reunion Weekend with a bunch of other people. Nicole moved from Eames to Moody in August and helped coach the Nike girl's basketball camp at GDA a day later. She co-coached with Marlena Mercer '99 and their team went 3-1. Way to go! Nicole is having fun at school and does not seem to have as much work as she did at GDA, but she believes that more is on its way. Nicole has been to a few juggling club meetings and found a good job that's definitely worth the money (she even gets to drive a BMW!). ▼ Piper Gore loves school and has joined the Pi Phi sorority where she currently resides. She has started a girl's lacrosse team that currently has six members that play together with ten guys. Piper spent her summer giving riding lessons, hanging out with Alex McHale '98 and being a showgirl in Topsfield's production of "Guys and Dolls"! If anyone would like to write to Piper, her e-mail is piper@uwyo.edu. ▼ Melissa Rosen loves Johns Hopkins U. She's a cast member with The Barnstormer's Theatre Co. and has her own radio show. During a week this summer while she was interning at the *Boston Phoenix* in the editorial arts section, Melissa had a fabulous time going to The Muffs, seeing the Lilith Fair, helping with interviews and listening to millions of CDs. Melissa likes Baltimore, but she says she misses Boston. ▼ Lindsay Clark went to Hawaii for the first part of her summer and had a blast. For the rest of the summer she worked at a summer camp in Santa Cruz, CA, and had the best time because she worked with an amazing group of adults. ▼ Jessie Gannett loves Keene State College. She is having a great time staying out late and with no rules! ▼ Mayo Morgan worked this summer to earn some cold hard cash for college, but she made sure to take a couple of vacations, too. She arrived at Colby College on August 31st and has been having an awesome time. She says the parties are great, the classes are basically fun and that the students are amazing. She has seen Dave Wilkens '95 and Brad Russell '96. Mayo says hi to everyone. ▼ Liz Gould has been busy playing varsity field hockey and with her classes at Dickinson. She's spoken with Meg Withington (who's also at Dickinson now) and she seems well. Liz has also

run into Alissa Antos, who is one of our ex-classmates, and she is doing great! Liz says that she had a wonderful summer teaching sailing at Camp Samoset. ▼ Well, it seems everyone is happy so far at the start of this school year. I was very pleased to have received so many replies. Thanks to everyone! I wish you all a good fall and we'll see each other soon in the winter *Archon*!

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Planned Giving

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What is "planned giving?"

In a nutshell, any number of creative acts of philanthropy that help GDA *and* you and your family can be considered planned gifts. With so many stocks trading at such high prices and such low dividend yields, now is an excellent time to consider a planned gift.

For many, planned gifts can be a way to make a significant contribution toward the permanent financial well-being of the Academy without sacrificing - and in some cases even increasing - current income and benefits to heirs.

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- **Charitable remainder trusts** can be used to increase your current income and generate a current charitable gift tax deduction while providing a generous gift for the Academy's future. After you transfer money, stock or other property to a trustee, the trustee pays you and/or your spouse income for life. After the lifetime payments have been made, the trustee transfers the trust's assets to the Academy to be applied toward the particular purpose you designated when you created the trust.
- **Life insurance** can be an excellent way to provide a substantial gift for a modest annual cash outlay.
- Our **pooled income fund** allows you to transfer assets to an account where they will be invested together with the funds of others who have made similar life income gifts. The benefits to you and to the Academy are similar to those outlined in the description of charitable remainder trusts.
- **Bequests** remain the most common form of planned gift. By including the Academy in your will, you can provide a substantial gift without reducing your flexibility in managing or using your assets during your lifetime.

These examples are by no means comprehensive. I am eager to speak with you and to tailor a proposal to your specific circumstances. Please contact me at GDA, 978/465-1763 or ppeterman@gda.org.

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